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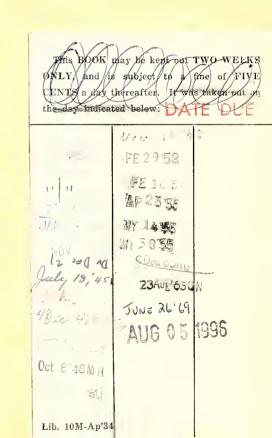
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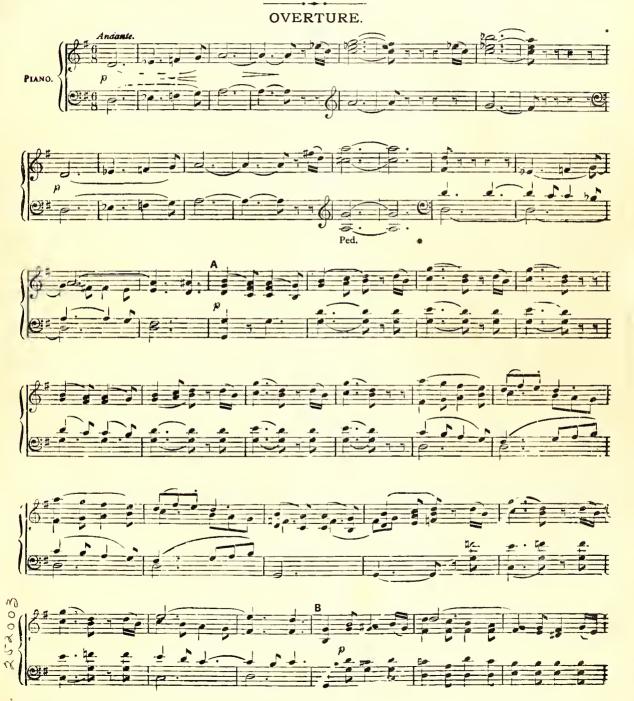


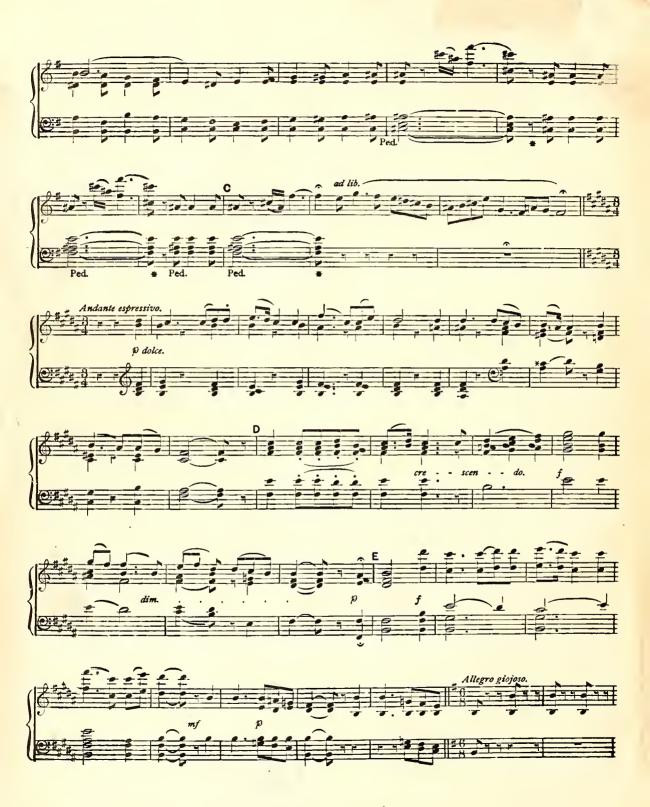
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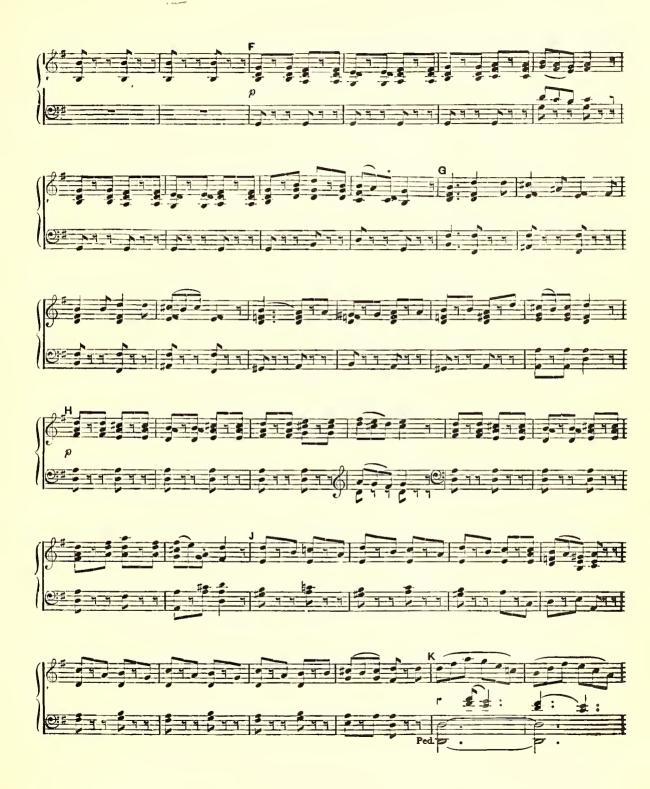


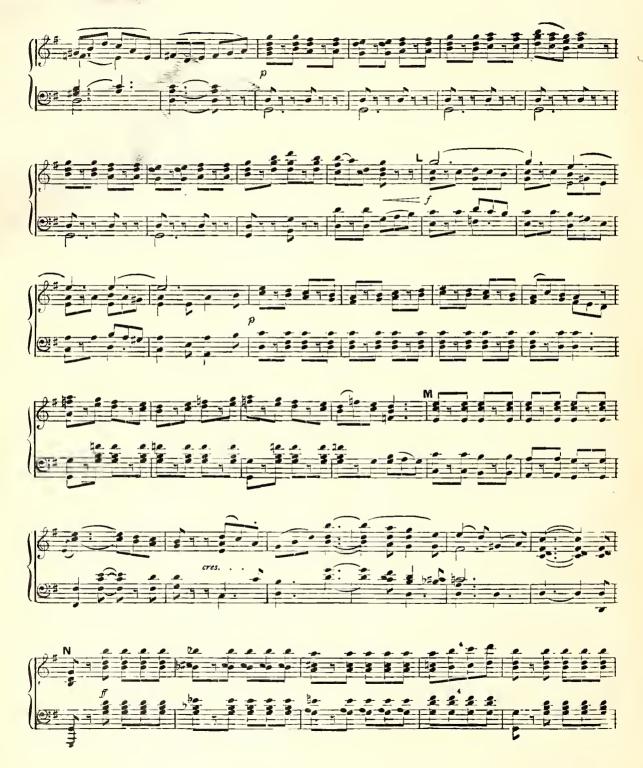
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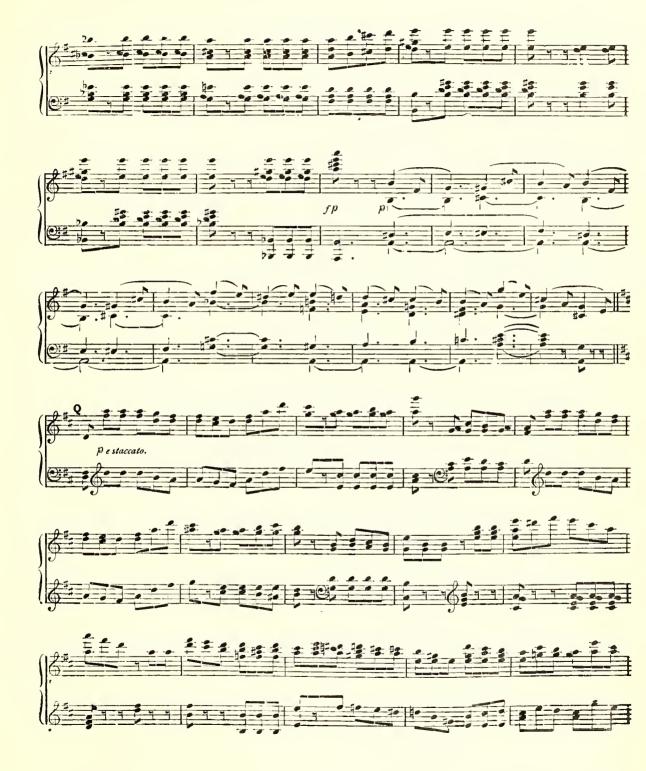
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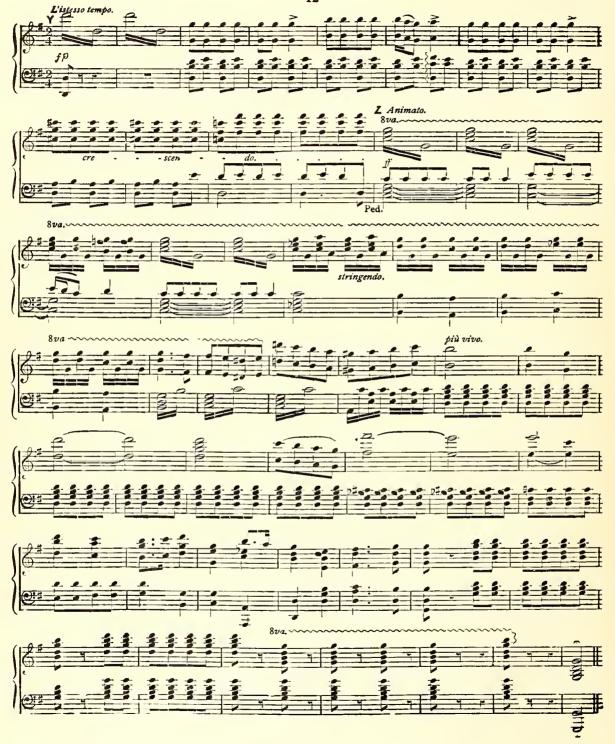


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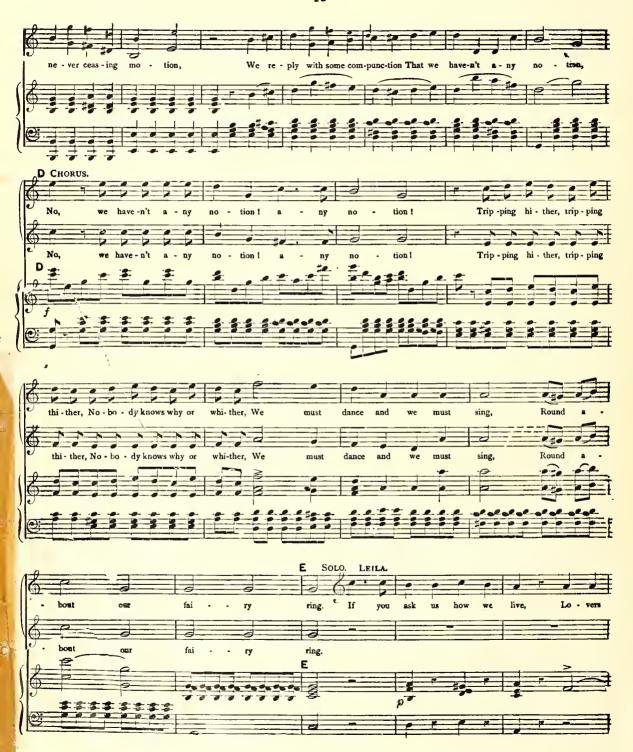
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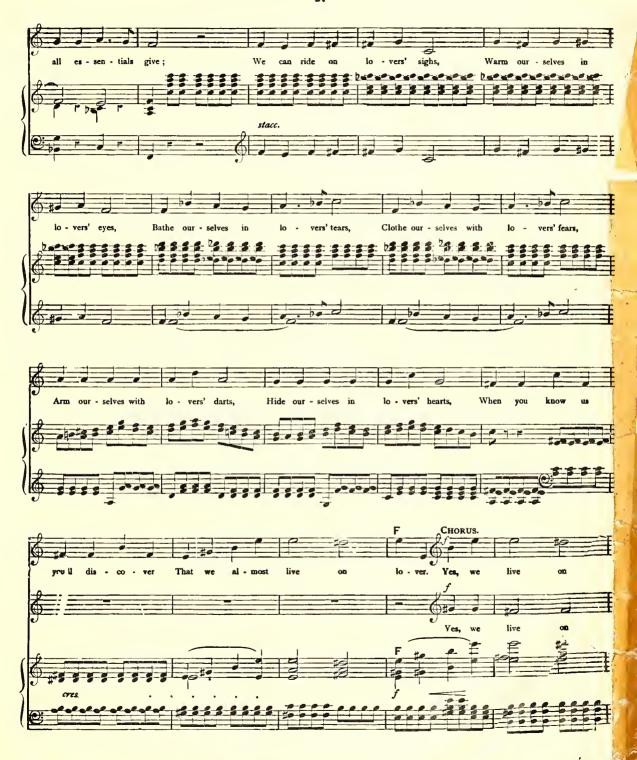
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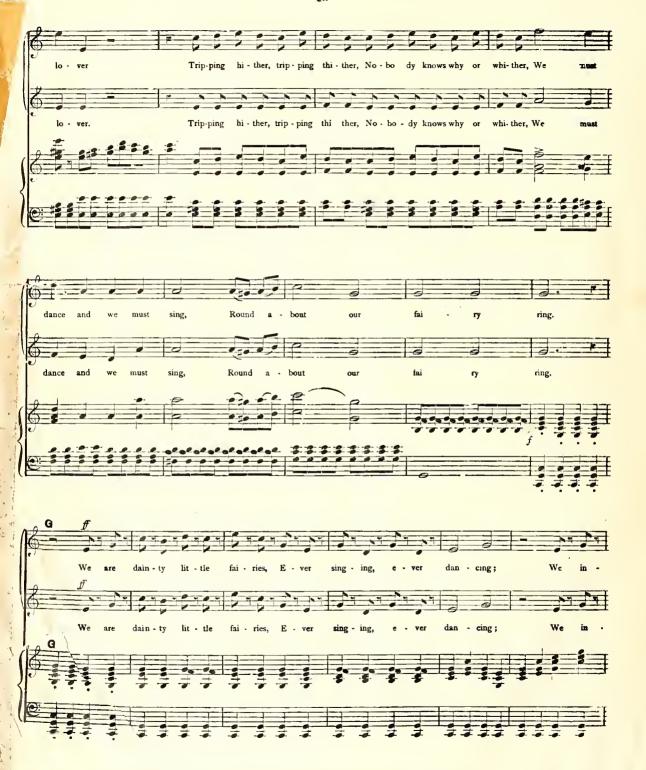














### (At the end of chorus all sigh wearily.)

Ah, it's all very well, but since our queen banished comfort she must have undergone. Iolanthe fairy revels have not been what they were.

LEILA. Iolanthe was the life and soul of Fairyland. Why, delicate. she wrote all our songs and arranged all our dances! We sing

FLETA. To think that five-and-twenty years have elapsed since she was banished! What could she have done to have deserved so terrible a punishment?

LEILA. Something awful: she married a mortal

FLETA. Oh! Is it injudicious to marry a mortal?

LEILA. Injudicious? It strikes at the root of the whole fairy system. By our laws the fairy who marries a mortal dies. Celia. But Iolanthe didn't die.

#### Enter QUEEN OF THE FAIRIES.

QUEEN. No, because your queen, who loved her with a sur-nestle in a nutshell, to gambol upon gossamer? Iolanthe! passing love, commuted her sentence to penal servitude for life, on condition that she left her husband without a word of explanation and never communicated with him again.

working out at the bottom of that stream?

Andante.

intended that she snow a go and live at the bottom of that stream. It makes me perfectly wretched to think of the dis-

LEILA. To think of the damp! And her chest was always

QUEEN. And the frogs! ugh! I never shall enjoy any peace her songs and we trip her measures, but we don't enjoy ourselves of inind until I know why Iolanthe went to live among the froge.

FLETA. Then why not summon her and ask her?

QUEEN. Why? Because if I set eyes on her I should forgive her at once.

CELIA. Then why not forgive her? Twenty-five years! it's a long time.

LEILA. Think how we loved her!

QUEEN. Loved her? What was your love to mine? Why, she was invaluable to me! Who taught me to curl myself inside a buttercup? Iolanthe!—Who taught me to swing upon a cobweb? Iolanthe!—Who taught me to dive into a dewdrop, to

LEILA. She certainly did surprising things.

FLETA. Oh give her back to us, great queen-for your sake, if not for ours. (All kneel in supplication.)

Leila. And that sentence of penal servitude she is now Queen (irresolute). Oh, I should be strong, but I am weak; I should be marble, but I am clay. Her punishment has been

QUEEN. Yes. But when I banished her I gave her all the heavier than I intended. I did not mean that she should live pleasant places of the earth to dwell in. I'm sure I never among the frogs. And— Well! well! it shall be as you wish.

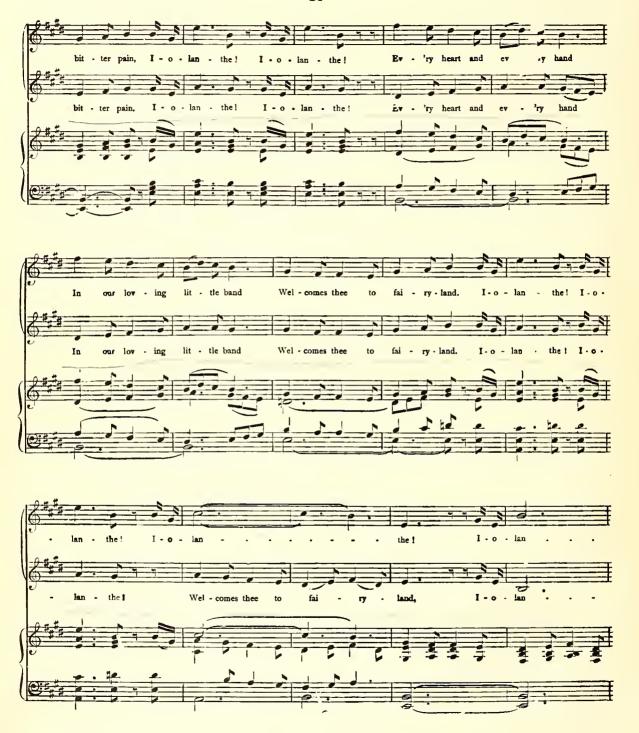
## No. 2. INVOCATION—(Queen, Iolanthe, Celia, Leila, & Chorus of Fairies.)













QUEEN. And now tell me: with all the world to choose from, why on earth did you decide to live at the bottom of that stream?

Io. To be near my son, Strephon.

Your son! Bless my heart! I didn't know you in Chancery. QUEEN. had a son.

Io. He was born soon after I left my husband by your royal command, but be doesn't even know of his father's existence.

FLETA. How old is be?

Io. Twenty-four.

LEILA. Twenty-four! No one to look at you would think who is a fairy down to the waist, but whose legs are mortal. you had a son of twenty-four? But of course that's one of the advantages of being immortal—we never grow old. Is he Enter Strephon, singing and dancing, and playing on a flageolet

Io. He's extremely pretty, but be's inclined to be stout.

ALL (disappointed). Ob!

QUEEN. I see no objection to stoutness in moderation.

CELIA. And what is he?

Io. He's an Arcadian shepherd, and he loves Phyllis, a ward

Celia. A mere shepherd, and be half a fairy!

Io. He's a fairy down to the waist, but his legs are mortal.

Celia. Dear me!

QUEEN. I have no reason to suppose that I am more curious than other people, but I confess I should like to see a person

Io. Nothing easier, for here he comes.

He does not see the Fairies, who retire up stage as he enters.



to your marriage with his beautiful ward. Phyllis?

swers me, "A shepherd lad is no fit helpmate for a ward of Chan- the waist, but that's of no use when my legs remain exposed to cery." I stood in court, and there I sang him songs of Arcadee, view. My brain is a fairy brain, but from the waist downward with flageolet accompaniment, in vain. At first he seemed I'm a gibbering idiot. My upper half is immortal, but my lower amused, so did the Bar, but, quickly wearying of my song and half grows older every day, and some day or other must die of pipe, he bade me get out. A servile usher theu, in crumpled bands old age. What's to become of my upper half when I've buried and rusty bombazine, led me, still singing, into Chancery Lane! my lower half I really don't know. I'll go no more; I'll marry her to-day, and brave the upshot, be what it may !- (Sees Fairies.) But who are these ?

Io. Oh, Strephon, rejoice with me; my queen has pardoned or two at my disposal; would you like to go into Parliament?

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STREPH. Pardoned you, mother? This is good news, indeed! Io. And these ladies are my beloved sisters.

STREPH. Your sisters? Theu they are my aunts (kneels).

ding-day!

STREPH. Hush! My bride knows nothing of my fairyhood. I dare not tell her, lest it frighten her. She thinks me mortal, a Liberal-Conservative, and your legs shall be our peculiar care, and prefers me so.

LEILA. Your fairyhood doesn't seem to have done you much halves.

good.

STREPH. Much good? It's the curse of my existence!

to. Then the Lord Chancellor has at last given his consent What's the use of being half a fairy? My body can creep through a keyhole, but what's the good of that when my legs STREPH. Not he, judged! To all my tearful prayers he an- are left kicking behind? I can make myself invisible down to

QUEEN. I see your difficulty, but with a fairy bram you should seek an intellectual sphere of action. Let me see: I've a borough

Io. A fairy member! That would be delightful.

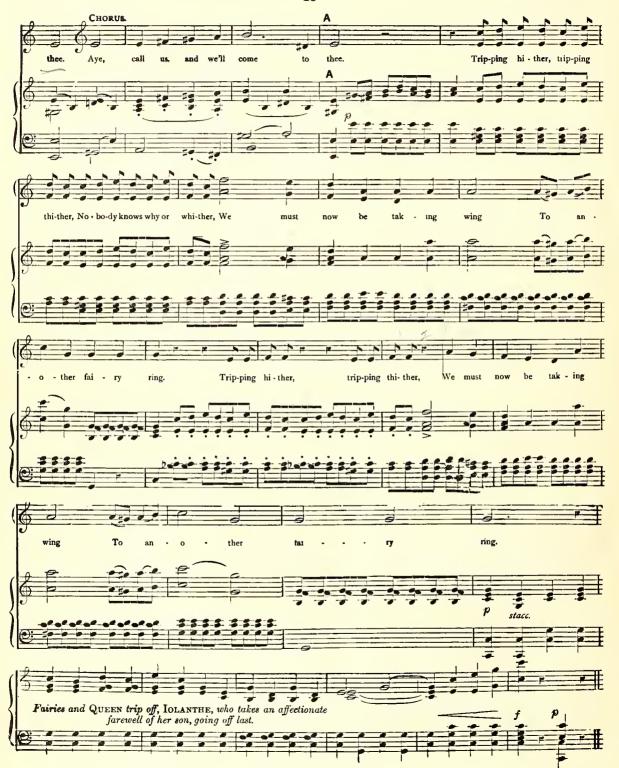
STREPH. I'm afraid I should do no good there. You see, down to the waist I'm a Tory of the most determined descriptiou, but my legs are a couple of confounded Radicals, and on a QUEEN. A pleasant piece of news for your bride on her wed- division they'd be sure to take me into the wrong lobby. You see, they're two to one, which is a strong working majority.

QUEEN. Don't let that distress you; you shall be returned as STREPH. (bowing). I see Your Majesty does not do things by

QUEEN. No; we are fairies down to the feet.

#### SOLO—(Queen, & Chorus of Fairies.) No. 4. Exit of Fairies.





No. 4a. Entrance of Phyllis. SOLI—(Phyllis and Strephon.)



STREPH. My Phyllis! And to day we're to be made happy years? Why, you might fall in love with the Lord Chancellor be ever.

PHYL. Well, we're to be married.

STREPH. It's the same thing.

PHYL. Well, I suppose it is. But oh, Strephon, I tremble at the step we're taking. I believe it's penal servitude for life your feet. to marry a ward of court without the Lord Chancellor's consent. I shall be of age in two years. Don't you think you could wait tive. two years?

STREPH. Two years! You can't have seen yourself. Here, sonable to expect me to wait two years?

must be reasonable.

himself by that time.

PHYL. Yes, he's a clever old gentleman.

STREPH. As it is, half the House of Lords are sighing at

PHYL. The House of Lords is certainly extremely atten-

STREPH. Attentive? I should think they were! Why did look at that (offering mirror), and tell me if you think it's rea- five-and-twenty Liheral peers come down to shoot over your nable to expect me to wait two years?

PHYL. No; you're quite right; it's asking too much—one Why did five-aud-twenty Conservative peers come down to fish in your pond? Don't tell me it was the goldfish! No, no. Delays are dangerous, and if we are to marry, the sooner the STREPH. Besides, who knows what will happen in two better.





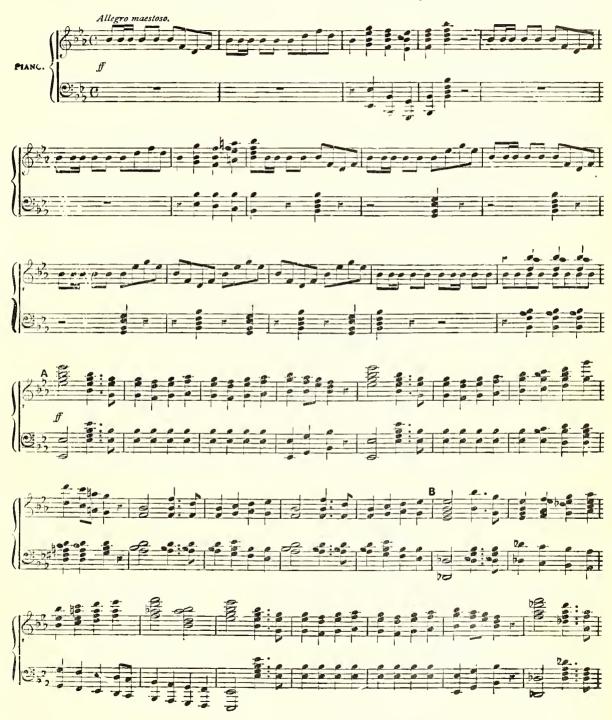


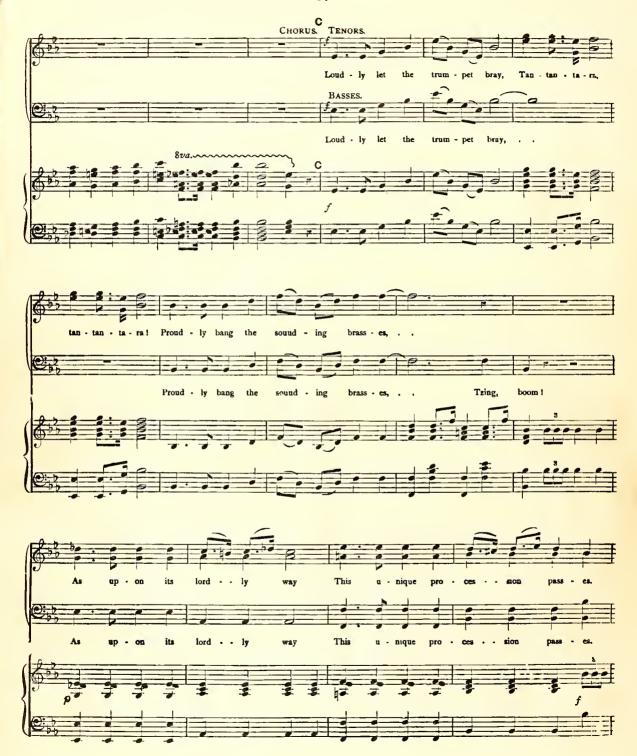


March. Enter Procession of Peers, headed by the Earl of Mount Ararat and Earl of Tolloller.

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. 6. Entrance & March of Peers.—CHORUS—(Tenors & Basses.)











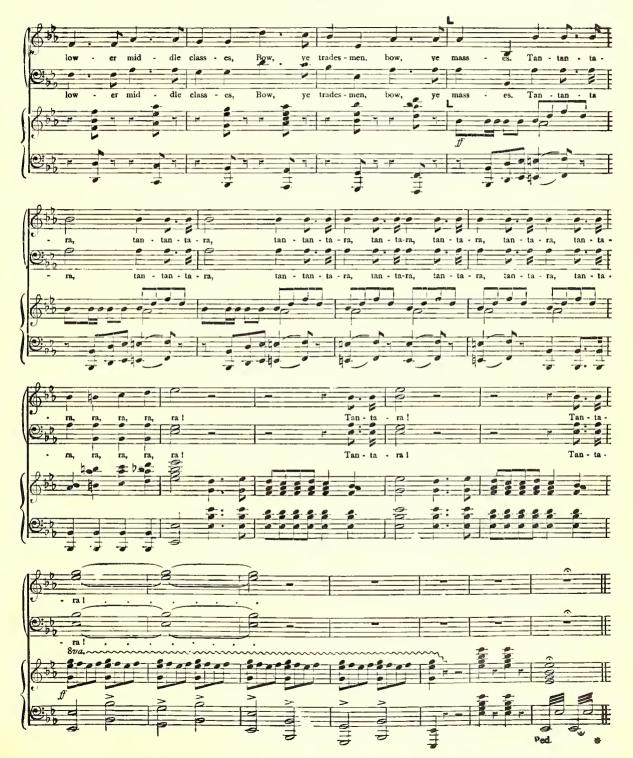












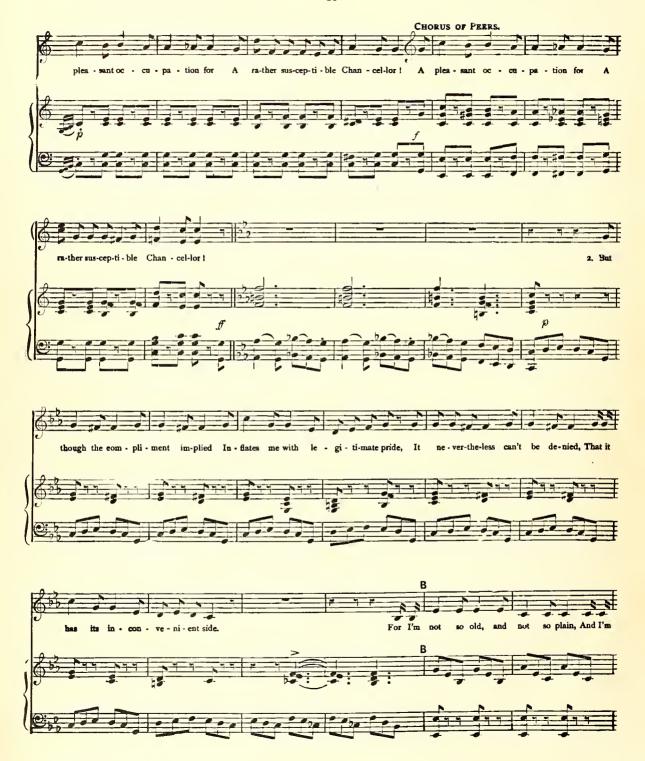
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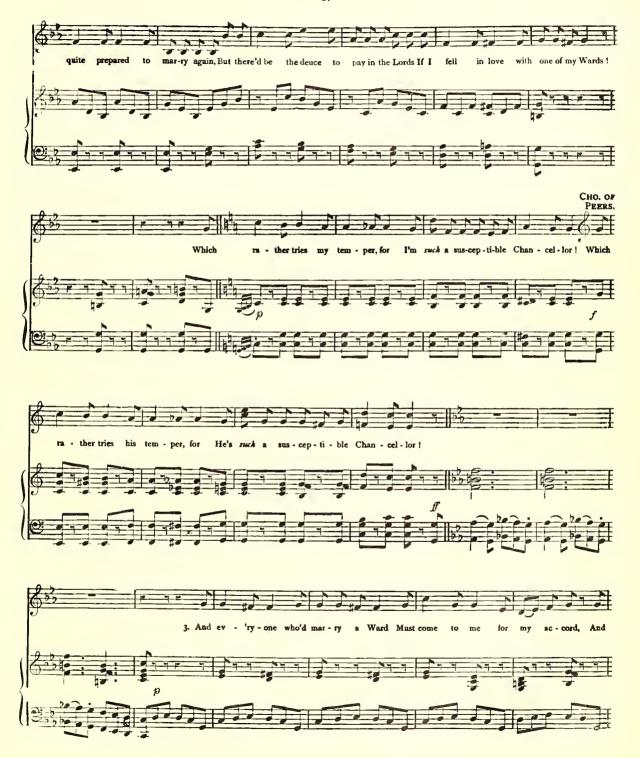
Entrance of Lord Chancellor.



No. 7. SONG—(Lord Chancellor, & Chorus of Peers.)









## Enter LORD TOLLOLLER.

LD. TOLL. And now, my lord, suppose we proceed to the busi-

ness of the day?

has so powerfully affected your lordships that you have aphis own marriage with his own ward? Can he marry his own pealed to me in a body to give her to whichever one of you she may think proper to select; and a noble lord has gone to her cottage to request her immediate attendance. It would be idle to deny that I, myself, have the misfortune to be singularly attracted by this young person. My regard for her is rapidly undermining my constitution. Three months ago is indeed painful to have to sit upon a woolsack which is stuffed with such thorns as these. it with my duty, I should unhesitatingly award her to myself, for I can conscientiously say that I know no man who is so well fitted to render her exceptionally happy. But such an award lordships that I have succeeded in persuading the young lady would be open to misconstruction, and therefore, at whatever to present herself at the bar of this House. personal inconvenience, I waive my claim.

LD. TOLL. My lord, I desire, on the part of this House, to

express its sincere sympathy with your lordship's most painful position.

LD. CHAN. I thank your lordships. The feelings of a Lord LD. CHAN. By all means. Phyllis, who is a ward of court, envied. What is his position? Can be give his own consent to

ward without his own consent? And if he marries his own ward without his own consent, can he commit himself for contempt of his own court? can he appear by counsel before himself to move for arrest of his own judgment? Ah, my lords, it

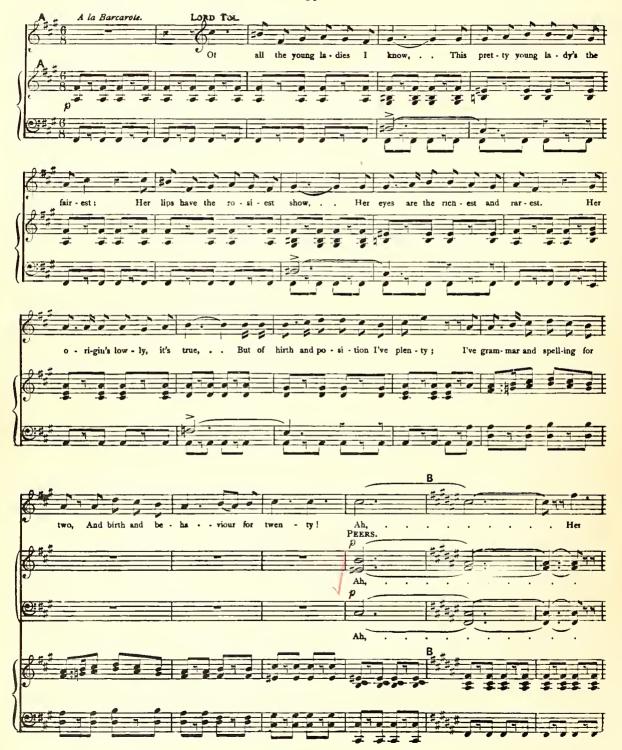
## Enter LORD MOUNT ARARAT.

LD. MOUNT. My lords, I have the pleasure to inform your

Enter Phyllis.

## TRIO & CHORUS OF PEERS—(Phyllis, Lord Tol., & Lord Mount)

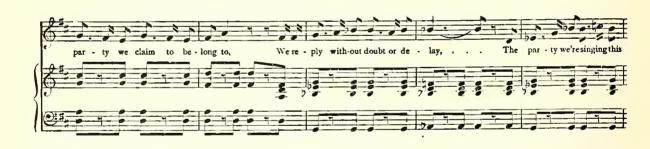


















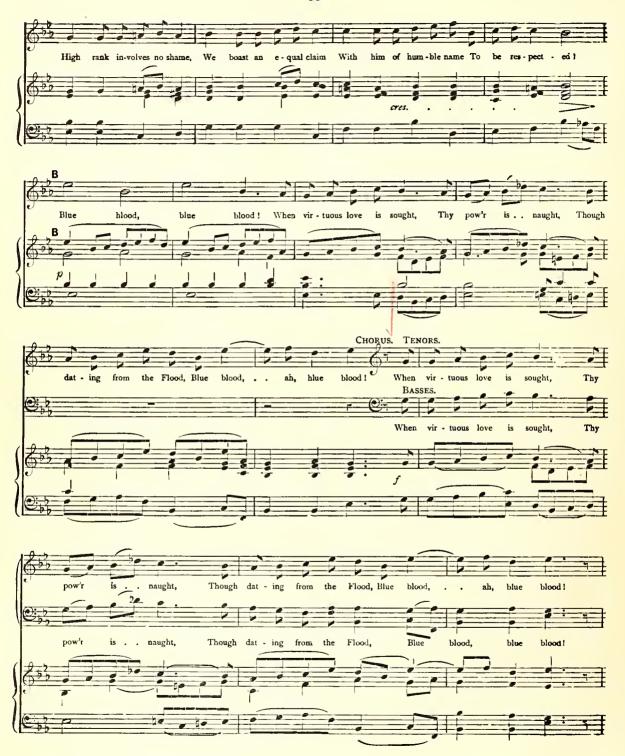


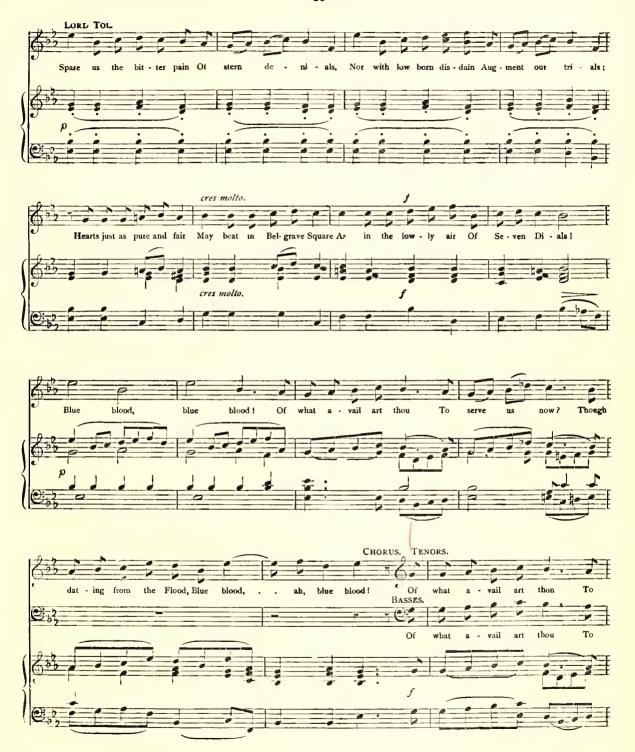




No. 9. RECIT.—(Phyllis.) CHORUS OF PEERS, & SONG—(Lord Tol.)



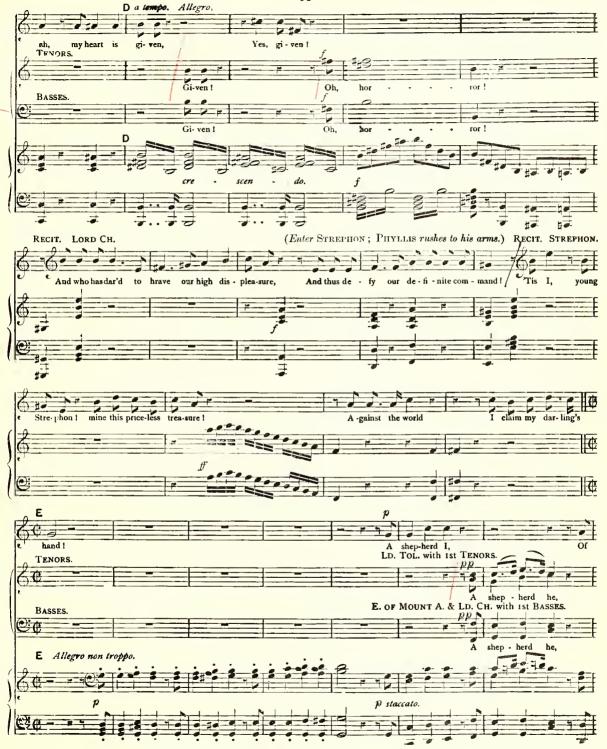


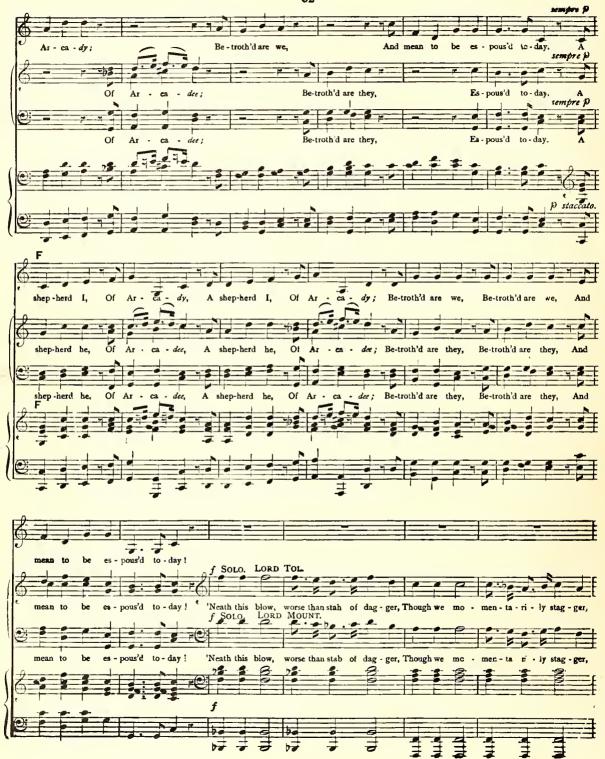




No. 11. Phyllis, Lord Tol., Earl of Mount A., Strephon, Lord Chancellor, & CHORUS OF PEERS.

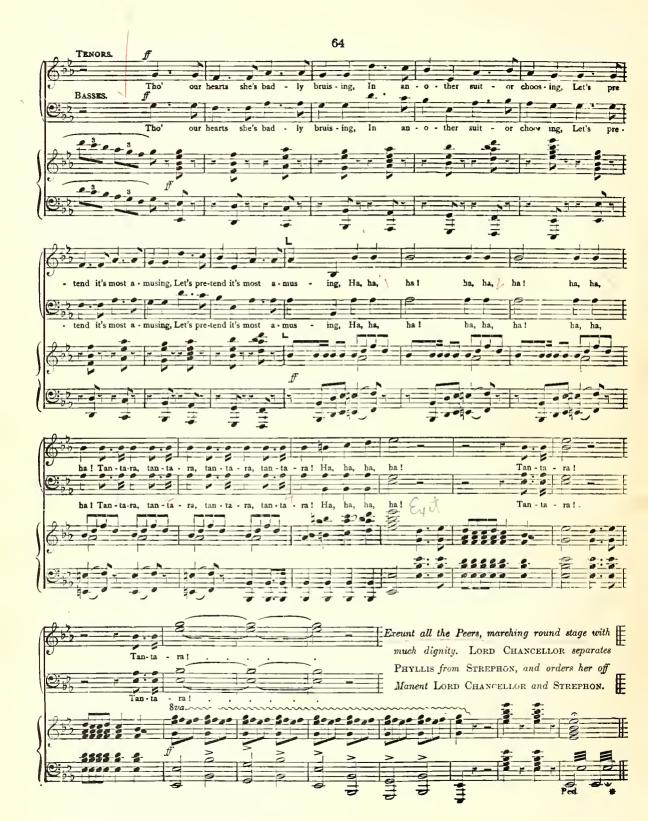












disobeyed an order of the court of Chancery?

STREPH. My lord, I know no court of Chancery; I go by herself in the matter. Nature's acts of Parliament. The bees, the breeze, the seas, the rocks, the brooks, the gales, the vales, the fountains, and the you that she bade me take my love. mountains, cry, "You love this maiden; take her, we command rain pours forth her sad and sodden sympathy. When chorused with all the attention they deserve. Nature bids me take my love, shall I reply, "Nay, but a certain Chancellor, but are you Chancellor of birds and trees, kiug of

the winds and prince of thunder-clouds? LD. CHAN. No. It's a nice point; I don't know that I ever ment to my present distinguished position.

LD. CHAN. Now, sir, what excuse have you to offer for having met it before. But my difficulty is, that at present there's ne evideuce before the court that chorused Nature has interested

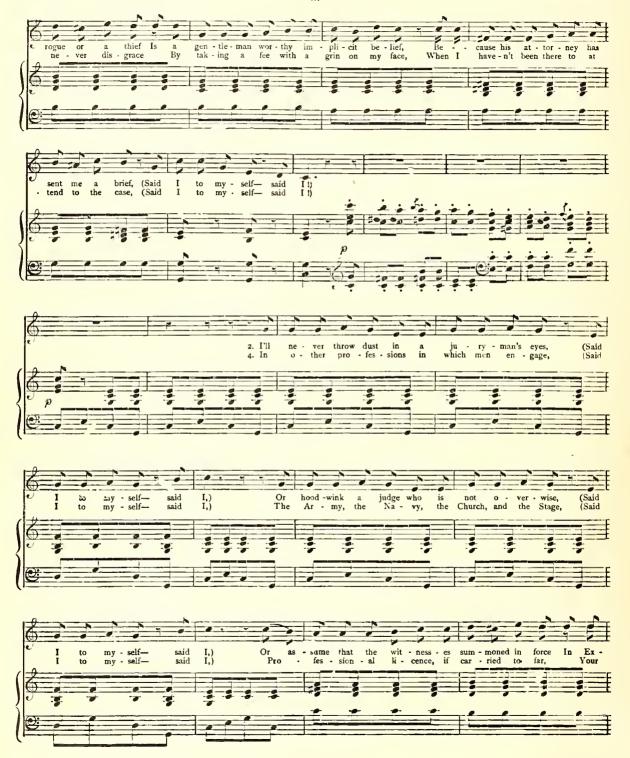
STREPH. No evidence? You have my word for it. I tell

LD. CHAN. Ah! but, my good sir, you mustn't tell us what she you!" 'Tis writ in heaven by the bright-barbed dart that leaps told you; it's not evidence. Now, an affidavit from a thunderforth into lurid light from each grim thunder-cloud. The very storm or a few words on oath from a heavy shower would meet

STREPH. And have you the heart to apply the prosaic rules Chancellor forbids it"? Sir, you are England's Lord High of evidence to a case which bubbles over with poetical emotion?

LD. CHAN. Distinctly. I have always kept my duty strictly before my eyes; and it is to that fact that I owe my advance-







[Exit LORD CHANCELLOR.



To Strephon, who is in tears, enters Iolanthe.

STREPH. Oh, Phyllis! Phyllis! To be taken from you just as I was on the point of making you my own! Oh, it's too much! it is too much!

Io. My son in tears, and ou his wedding-day?

STREPH. My wedding-day! Oh, mother, weep with me, for the law has interposed between us, and the Lord Chancellor has separated us for ever!

Io. The Lord Chancellor!—(Aside.) Oh, if he did but know! STREPH. (overhearing her). If he did but know—what?

Io. No matter. The Lord Chancellor has no power over you. Remember, you are half a fairy; you can defy him—down to the waich

STREPH. Yes, but from the waist downward he can commit me to prison for years. Of what avail is it that my body is free if my legs are working out seven years' penal servitude?

Io. True. But take heart: our queen has promised you her special protection. I'll go to her and lay your peculiar case before her.

STREPH. My beloved mother, how can I repay the dept I owe you?

FINALE-QUARTETTE.

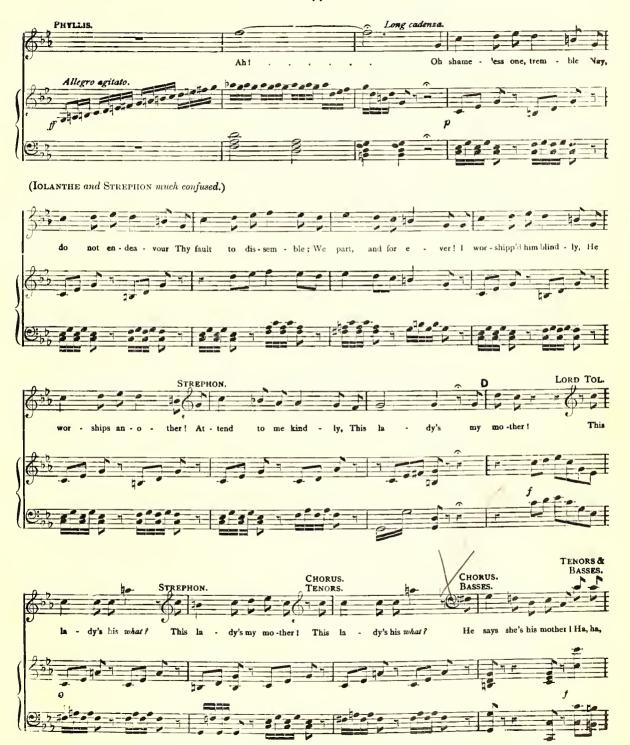
As it commences the Peers appear at the back, advancing unseen and on tiptoe. Mount Ararat and Tolloller lead Phyllis between them, who listens in horror to what she hears

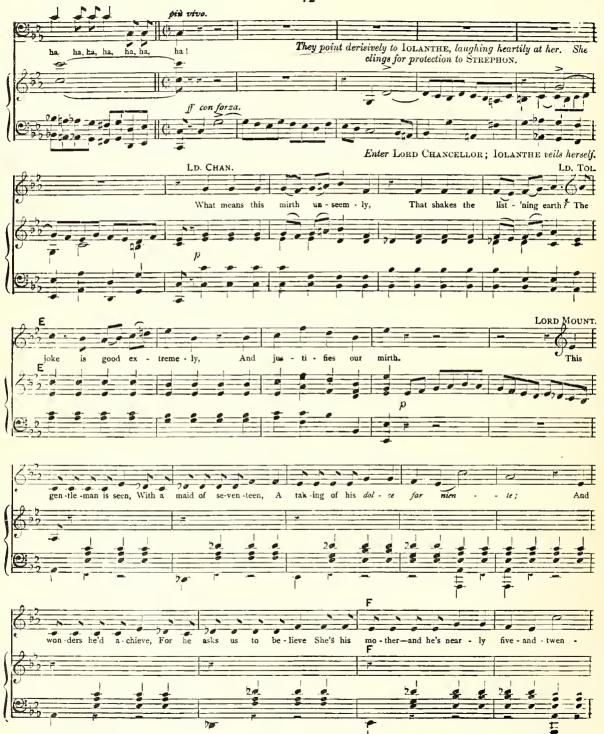
No. 13. FINALE, ACT I.—(Phyllis, Iolanthe, Queen, Leila, Celia, Strephon. Lord Tol., Lord Mount., Lord Chancellor, & Chorus of Fairies & Peers.)



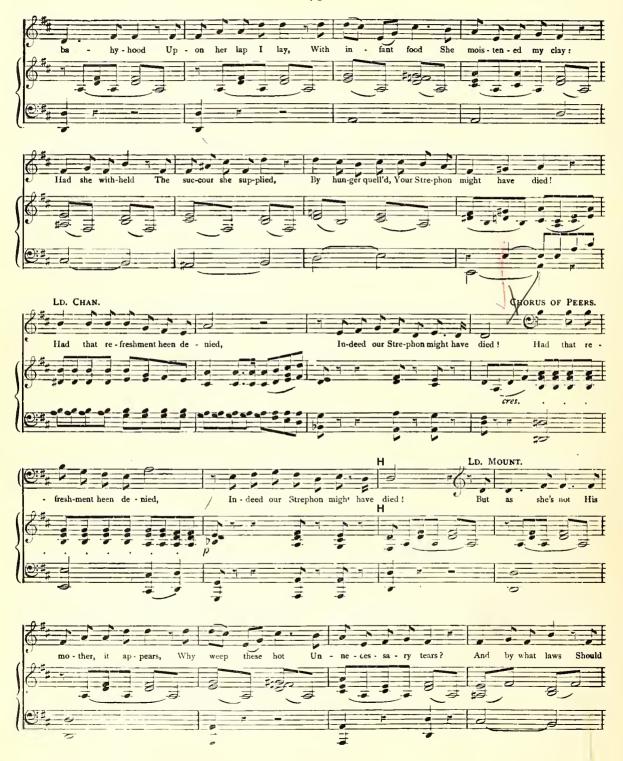










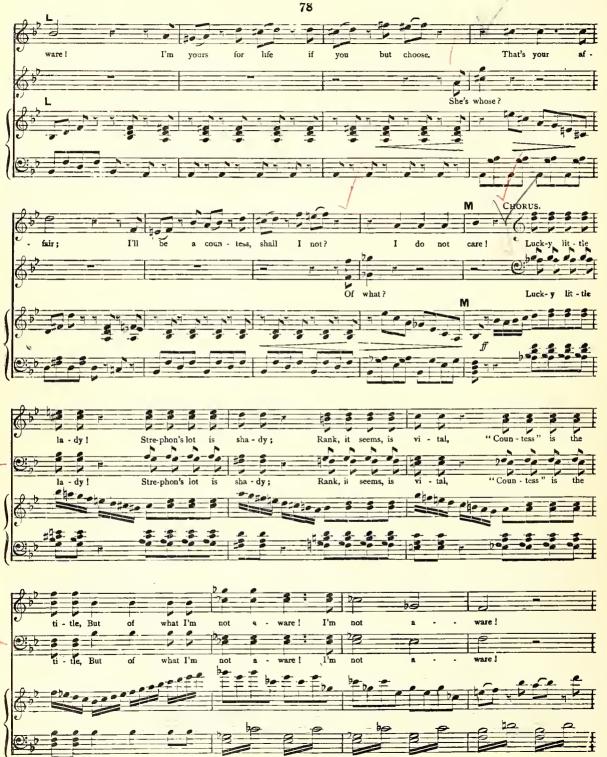


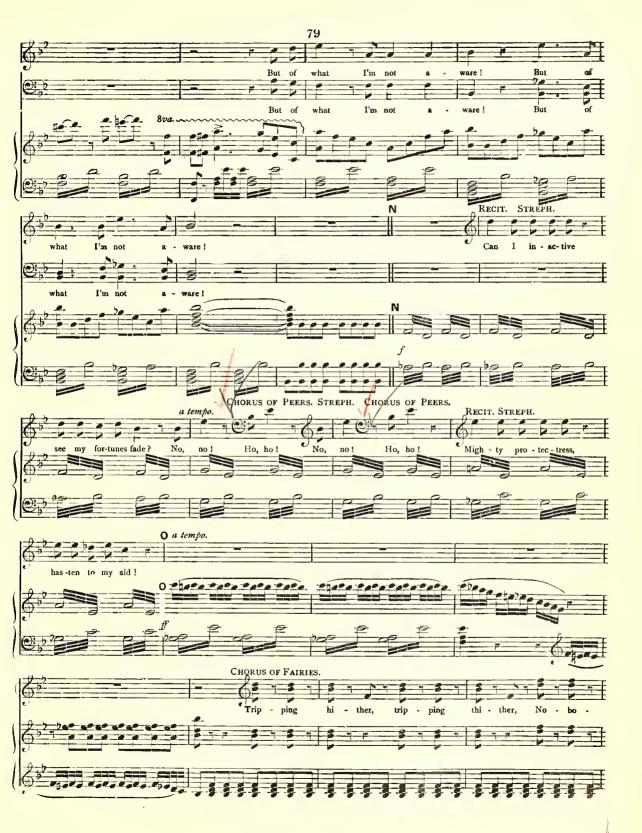










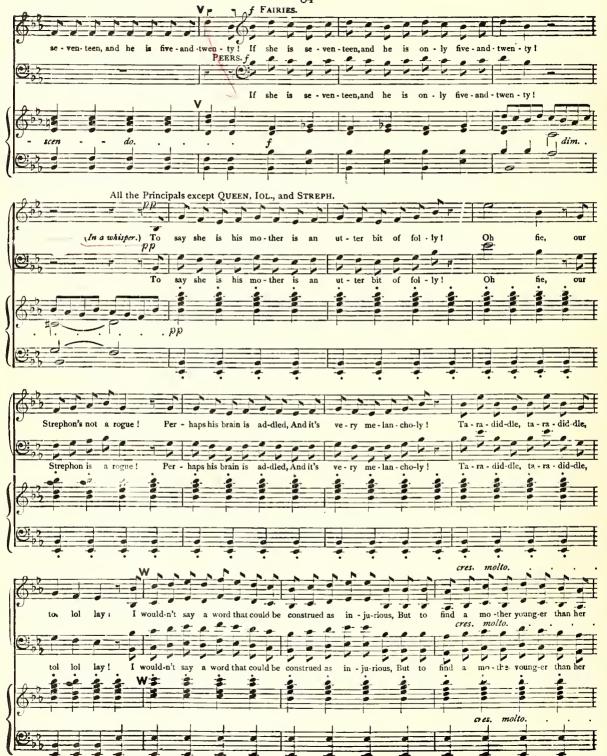


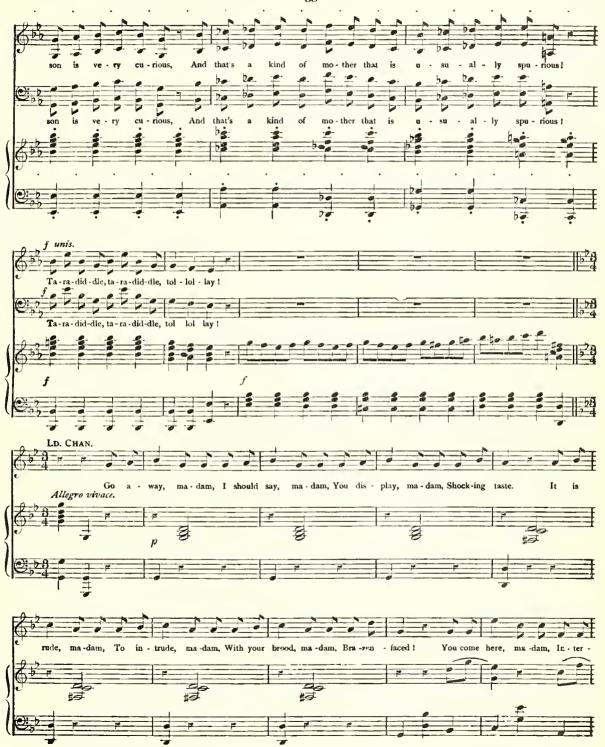


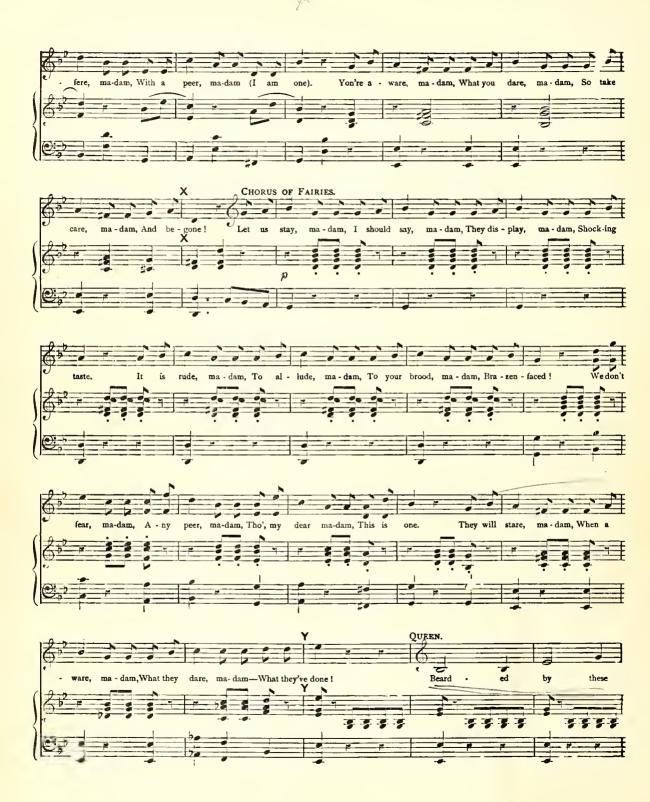




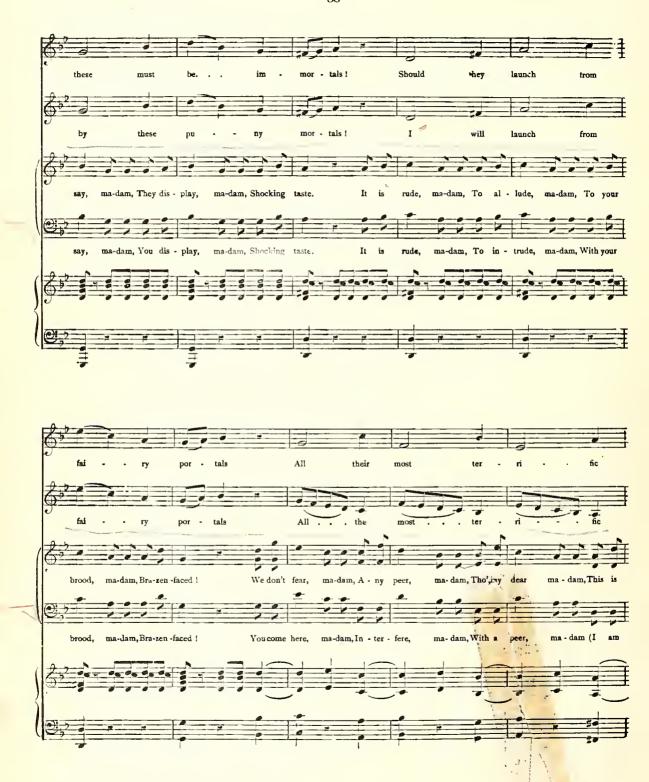




















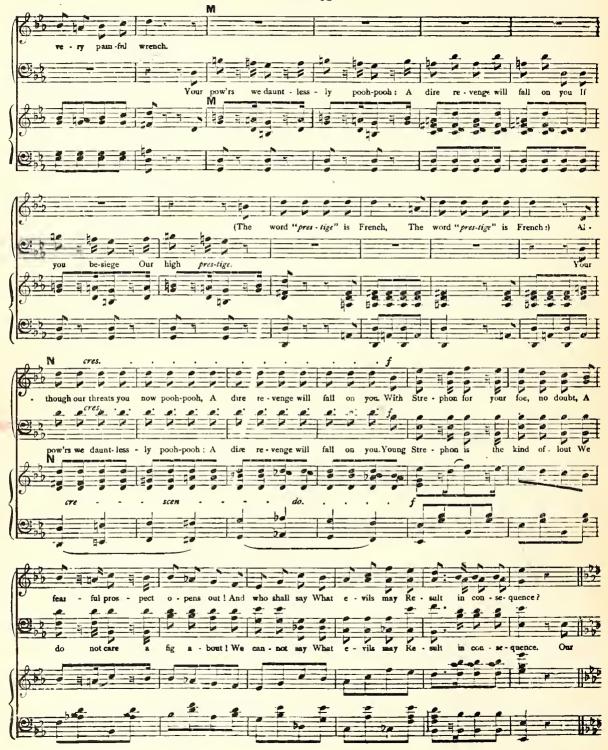




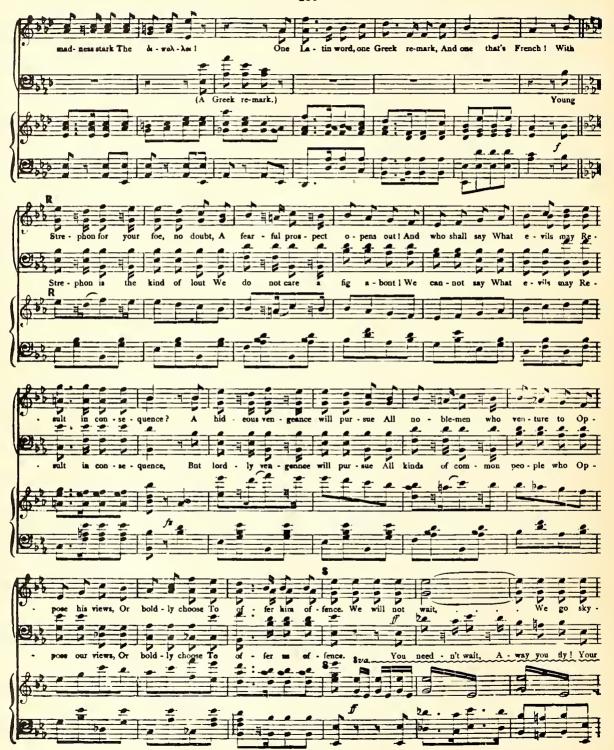


## 96 QUEEN (speaks through the music). Every bill and every measure That may gratify his pleasure, Though your fury it arouses, He shall end the cherished rights You enjoy on Wednesday nights: He shall prick that annual blister, Marriage with deceased wife's sister: You shall sit, if he sees reason, Shall be passed by both your Houses ! Through the grouse & salmon season: 200 7 Titles shall ennoble, then, Peers shall teem in Christendom, And a Duke's exalted station Be attainable by Com-All the Common Councilmen: Petitive Examination ! Attacca CHORUS. FAIRIES. Allegro molto. Their PEERS. Oh, They can't dis - sem - ble !













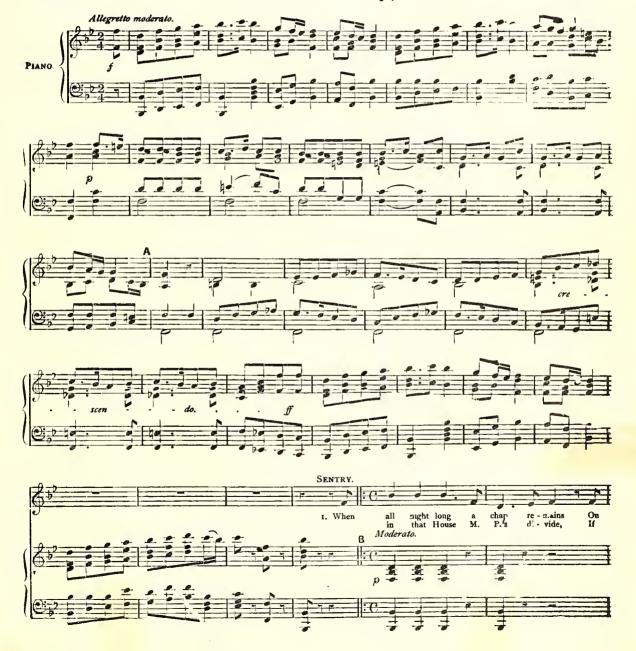
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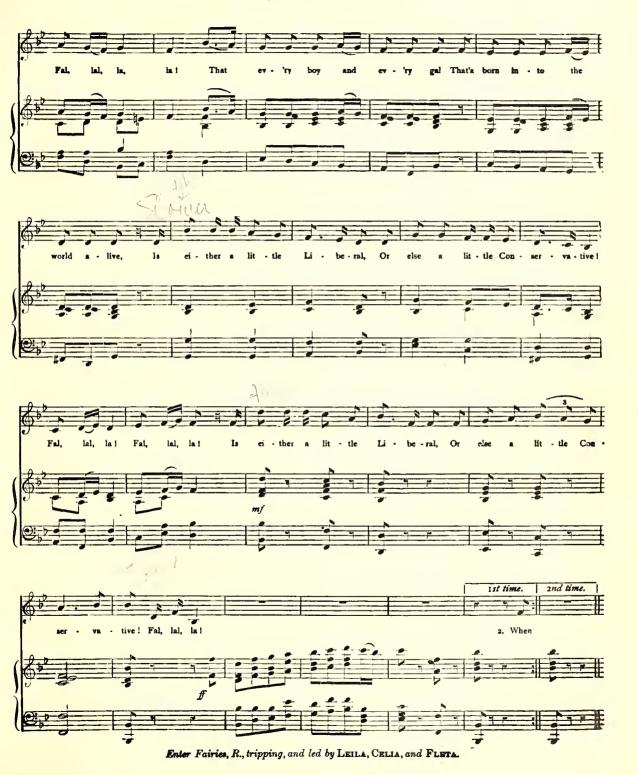
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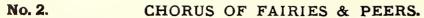
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SONG - (Sentry.)

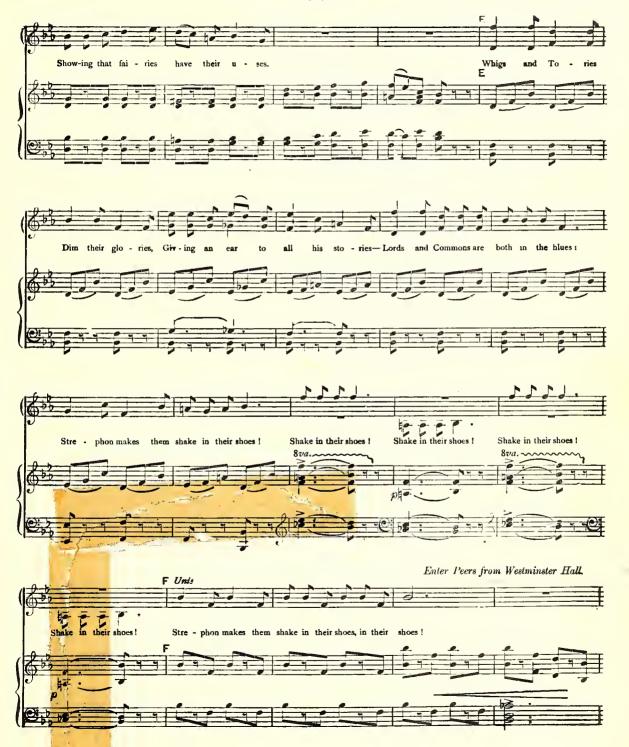


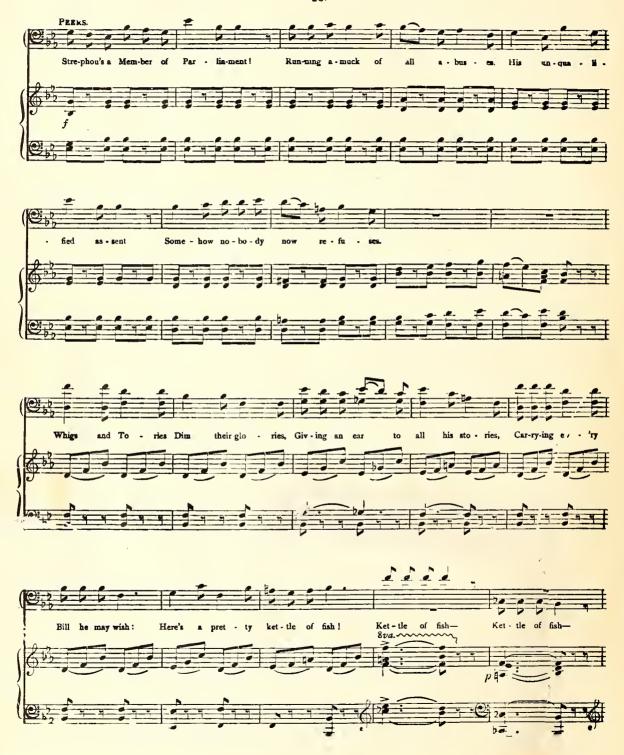














Enter Lords Tolloller and Mount Ararat.

LD. MOUNT. Perfectly disgraceful! disgusting!

CELIA. You seem annoyed.

LD. MOUNT. Annoyed! I should think so! Why, this fathers worth mentioning the country must go to the dogs. iculous protégé of yours is playing the deuce with everything! night is the second reading of his bill to throw the peerage n to competitive examination.

LD. TOLL. And he'll carry it, too!

LD. MOUNT. Carry it? Of course he will! has a Par-lect, what's to become of the House of Commons?

mentary Pickford—he carries everything. Leila. Yes. If you please, that's our fault.

LD. MOUNT. The deuce it is!

vote just as he wishes them to.

LEILA. It's our system; it shortens the debates.

LD. TOLL. Well, but think what it all means! I don't as much mind for myself, but with a House of Peers with no grand

Leila. I suppose it must.

Ld. Mount. I don't want to say a word against brains—I've a great respect for brains; I often wish I had some myself-bu with a House of Peers composed exclusively of people of intel-

LEILA. I never thought of that,

LD. MOUNT. This comes of women interfering in politics. It so happens that if there is an institution in Great Britain CELLA. Yes; we influence the members, and compel them to which is not susceptible of any improvement at all, it is the House of Peers.

#### No. 3, SONG—(Lord Mountararat, with Chorus.)



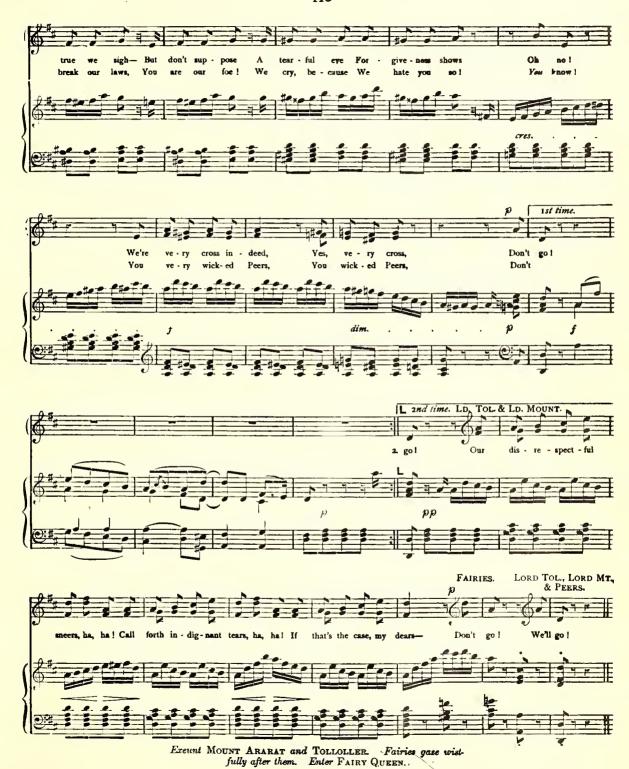


Leila (who has been much attracted by the Peers during the comp). Charming persons, are they not?

Cella. Distinctly. For self-contained dignity, combined with airy condescension, give me a British representative Cella.) Aren't they lovely?—(Aloud.) Oh why did you go and defy us, you great geese?

## No. 4. DUET-(Leila, Celia, with Chorus of Fairies, Lord Mountararat, & Lord Tolloller.)





QUEEN. Oh, shame! shame upon you! Is this your fidelity to the laws you are bound to bey? Know ye not that it is death adier Guards. to marry a mortal?

LEILA. Yes; but it's not death to wish to marry a mortal.

FLETA. If it were you'd have to execute us all.

QUEEN. Oh, this is weakness! Subdue it!

LEILA. We are not all as tough as you are.

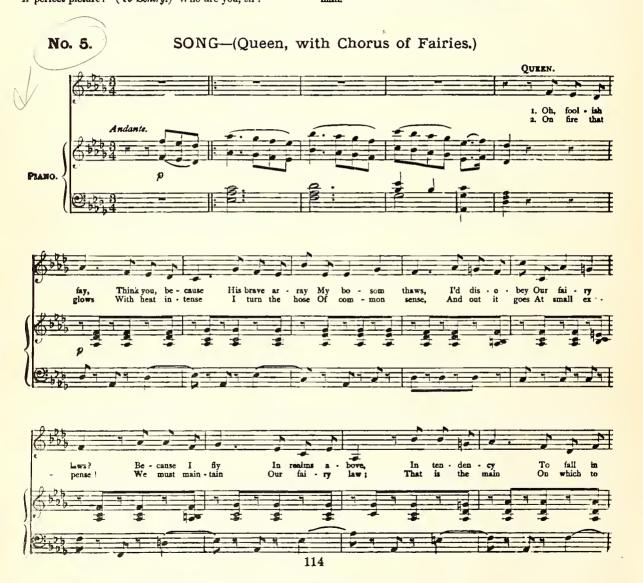
QUEEN. Tough? Do you suppose that I am insensible to the that man. But I mortify this inclination; I wrestle with it, and effect of manly heauty? Look at that man (referring to Sentry). it lies heneath my feet. This is how I treat my regard for that A perfect picture!—(To Sentry.) Who are you, sir?

SENTRY. Private Willis, B Company, First Battalion Gran

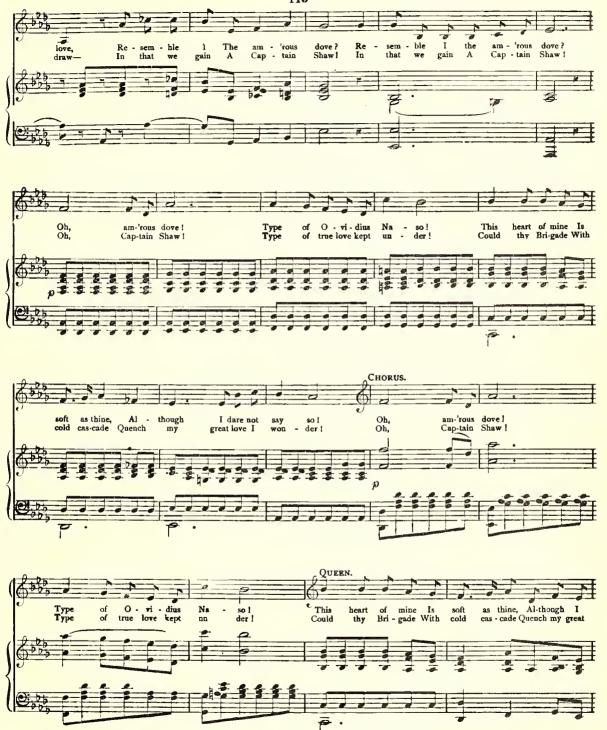
QUEEN. You're a fine fellow, sir.

SENTRY. I am generally admired.

QUEEN. I can quite understand it.—(To Fairies.) Now, here is a man whose physical attributes are simply godlike. CELIA. We know it's weakness, but the weakness is so strong! That man has a most extraordinary effect upon me. If I yielded to a natural impulse I should fall down and worship









# Execut Fairies sorrowfully, headed by FAIRY QUEEN.

### Enter PHYLLIS.

PHYL. (half crying). I can't think why I'm not in better spirits. I'm engaged to two noblemen at once. That ought to be enough to make any girl happy; but I'm miserable. Don't suppose it's because I care for Strephon, for I hate him! No girl would care for a man who goes about with a mother considerably younger than himself.

## Enter LORD MOUNT ARARAT.

LD. MOUNT. Phyllis! my own! PHYL. Don't! How dare you? But perhaps you are one of the noblemen I'm engaged to?

LD. MOUNT. I'm one of them.
PHYL. Oh! But how came you to have a peerage?

LD. MOUNT. It's a prize for being born first. PHYL. Ob, I see—a kind of Derby cup.

LD. MOUNT. Not at all. I'm of a very old and distinguished existence would be hopelessly embittered.

family.

you won it. But why are people made peers?

LD. MOUNT. The principle is not easy to explain.

### Enter LORD TOLLOLLER, L.

LD. TOLL. Phyllis! my darling! (embraces her)

to be?

LD. TOLL. Not altogether; it's a difficult position. It would leave it to you.

PHYL. How can it possibly concern me? You are hoth earls, and you are hoth rich, and you are both plain.

LD. MOUNT. So we are. At least I am.

LD. TOLL. So am I.

LD. MOUNT. No. no!

LD. TOLL. Oh, I am indeed very plain.

LD. MOUNT. Well! well! perhaps you are.

PHYL. There's really nothing to choose between you. If one take your place. Oh, Thomas! it would not last a day! of you would forego his title and distribute his estates among his Irish tenantry, why, then I should see a reason for accepting the in that light, but there's no disguising it, George—we're in a very the other. [PHYLLIS retires up. awkward position.

LD MOUNT. Tolloller, are you prepared to make this sacrifice?

LD. TOLL. No!

LD. MOUNT Not even to oblige a lady?

ive way to the other? Perhaps, on the whole, she would be appier with me? I don't know; I may be wrong.

LD. Toll. No, I don't know that you are. I really think that she would. But the painful part of the thing is, that if you roh me of the girl of my heart, one of us must perish.

LD. MOUNT. Again the question arises, Which shall it be? Do you feel inclined to make this sacrifice?

LD. TOLL. No!

LD. MOUNT. Not even to oblige a gentleman?

LD. TOLL. Impossible! The Tollollers bave invariably destroved their successful rivals. It's a family tradition that I have sworn to respect

LD. MOUNT. I see. Did you swear it before a commissioner?

LD. TOLL. I did, on affidavit.

LD. MOUNT. Then I don't see how you can help yourself. LD. TOLL. It's a painful position, for I have a strong regard

for you, George (shake hands).

LD. MOUNT (much affected). My dear Thomas!

LD. Toll. You are very dear to me, George. We were boys together—at least I was. If I were to destroy you, my

LD. MOUNT. Then, my dear Thomas, you must not do it. I PHYL. And you're proud of your race? Of course you are; say it again and again: if it will have this effect on you, you must not do it. No, no! If one of us is to destroy the other, let it be me.

LD. TOLL. No, no!

LD. MOUNT. Ah yes! By our boyish friendship I implore

you (shake hands).

LD. Toll. (much moved). Well! well! be it so. But no, no! PHYL. Here's the other! Well, have you settled which it's I cannot consent to an act which would crush you with unavail-

LD. MOUNT. But it would not do so. I should he very sad be hardly delicate to toss up. On the whole, we would rather at first—oh! who would not be?—but it would wear off. I like you very much (shake hands), but not, perhaps, as much as you like me.

LD. Toll. George, you're a noble fellow, hut that tell-tale tear betrays you. No, George, you are very fond of me, and I cannot consent to give you. a week's uneasiness on my account.

LD. MOUNT. But, dear Thomas, it would not last a week. Remember, you lead the House of Lords; on your demise I shall

LD. Toll. It's very kind and thoughtful of you to look at it

PHYL. (coming down). Now, I do hope you're not going to fight about me, because it really isn't worth while.

LD. TOLL. I don't helieve it is.

LD. MOUNT. Nor I. The sacred ties of friendship are par-LD. MOUNT. Then the only question is, Which of us shall against Thomas.

LD. TOLL. And in my eyes the life of George is more sacred

than love itself.



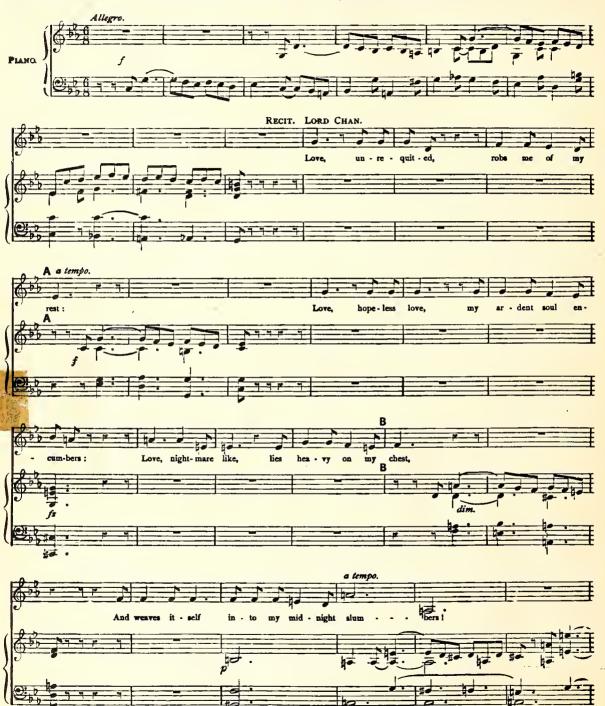




(After Quartette, exeunt Phyllis and Lords Tolloller and Mount Ararat.)

Enter LORD CHANCELLOR very miserable.

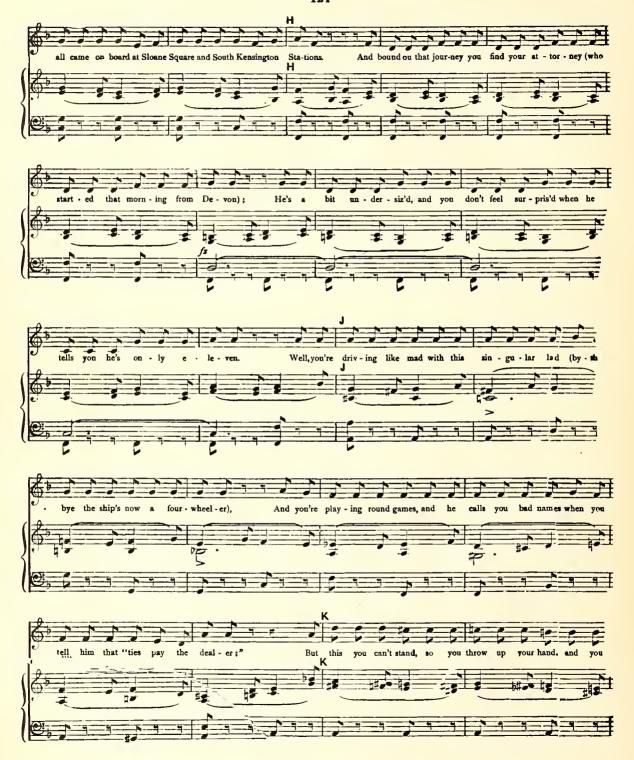
No. 7 RECITATIVE & SONG—(Lord Chancellor.)





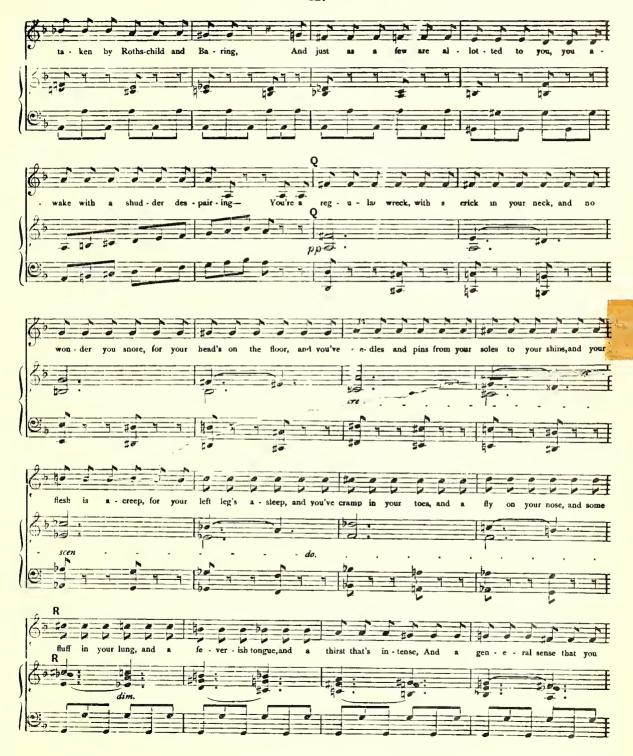


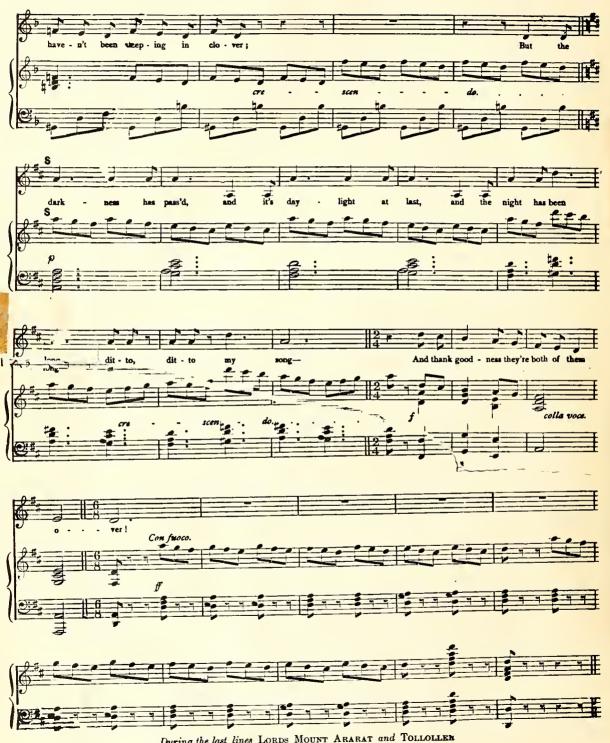












During the last lines LORDS MOUNT ARARAT and TOLLOLLER have entered. They gaze sympathetically upon the LORD CHARCELLOR'S distress. At the end of his song they come forward.

LD. Mount. I am much distressed to see your lordship in LD. CHAN. I feel the force of your remarks, but I cannot this condition.

LD. CHAN. I feel the force of your remarks, but I cannot make up my mind to apply to myself again. I am here in a

LD. CHAN. Ah, my lords, it is seldom that a Lord Chancel-double capacity. Firstly, as a Lord Chancellor entrusted with lor has reason to envy the position of another, but I am free to the guardianship of this charming girl; and, secondly, as a confess that I would rather be two earls engaged to Phyllis than suitor for her hand. In my latter capacity I am overawed by any other half-dozen noblemen upon the face of the globe.

my dignity in my former capacity; I hesitate to approach my-

LD. TOLL. (without enthusiasm). Yes. In a way, it's an en-self-it unnerves me.

LD. Toll. It's a difficult position. This is what it is to have LD. Mount. Oh yes—no doubt most enviable. At the same two capacities. Let us be thankful that we are persons of no time, seeing you thus, we naturally say to ourselves, "This is capacity whatever.

very sad. His lordship is constitutionally as blithe as a bird— LD. MOUNT. But take courage! Remember, you are a very he trills upon the bench like a thing of song and gladness. His just and kindly old geutleman, and you need have no hesitaseries of judgments in F sharp, given andante in six-eight time, tion in approaching yourself, so that you do so respectfully and are among the most remarkable effects ever produced in a court with a proper show of deference.

of Chancery. He is, perhaps, the only living instance of a judge LD. CHAN. Do you really think so? Well, I will nerve mywhose decrees have received the honor of a double encore. How self to another effort, and if that fails I resign myself to my fate.

can we bring ourselves to do that which will deprive the court of Chancery of one of its most attractive features?"

Tempo di Valse.

## No. 8. TRIO—(Lord Tolloller, Lord Mountararat, & Lord Chancellor.)



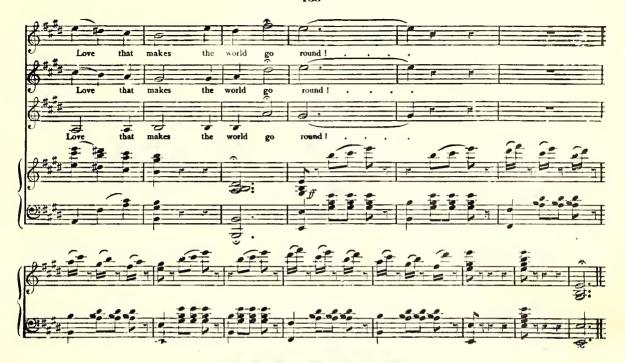








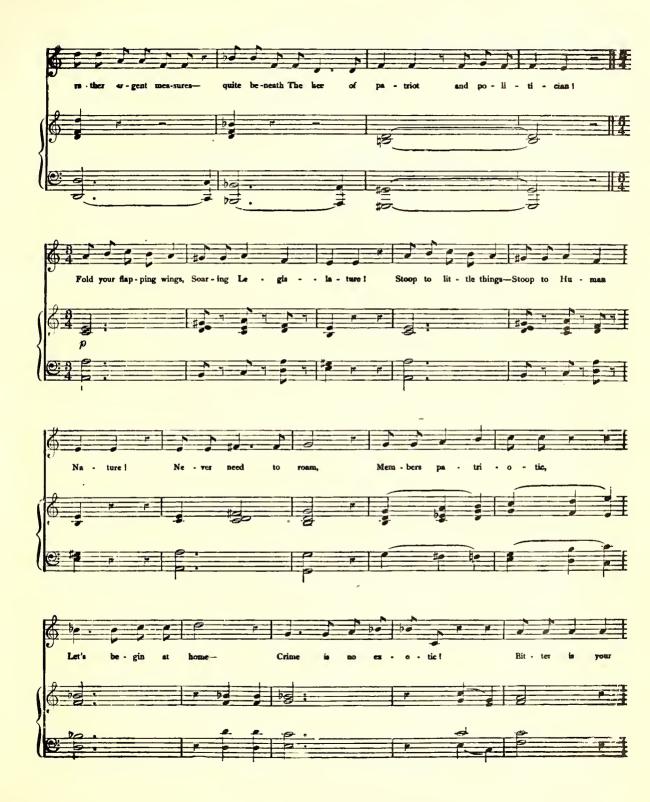




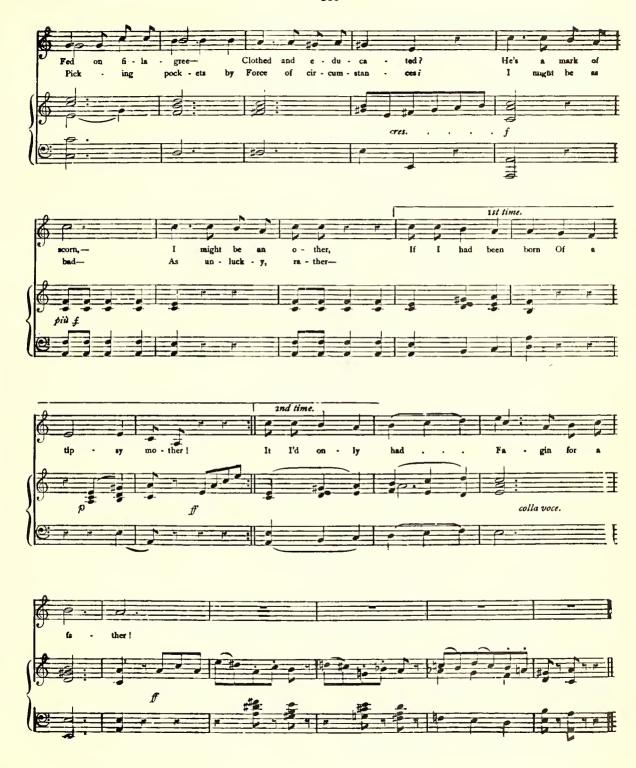
Dunce, and execut arm-in-arm together.

Enter ETREPHOB









#### Enter PHYLLIB

PHYL (starting). Strephon!

STREPH. (starting). Phyllis! But I suppose I should say, "My Lady." I have not yet heen informed which title your han half a dozen I don't. ladyship has pleased to elect.

PHYL. I naven't quite decided. You see, I have no mother

to advise me.

STREPH. No; I have. PHYL. Yes, a young mother.

STREPH. Not very—a couple of centuries or so-

PHYL. Oh, she wears well.

STREPH. She does; she's a fairy.

PHYL. I heg your pardon—a what?

STREPH. Oh I've no longer any reason to conceal the fact - happy (embracing her). she's a fairy.

PHYL. A fair! Well, but—that would account for a good change our minds.

many things. Then I suppose you're a fairy? STREPH. I'm half a fairy.

PHYL. Which half?

STREPH. The upper half-down to the waistcoat.

PHYL. Dear n.e! (prodding him with her fingers). There is nothing to show it. But why didn't you tell me this before?

STREPH. I thought you would take a dislike to me. But as it's all off, you may as well know the truth-I'm only half a

PHYL. (crying). But I'd rather have half a mortal I do le re

STREPH. Oh, I think not. Go to your half dozen.

PHYL, (crying). It's only two, and I hate 'em! Please for-

STREPH. I don t think I ought to. Besides, all sorts of difficulties will arise. You know my grandmother looks quite as young as my mother. So do all my aunts.

PHYL, I quite understand. Whenever I see you kissing a

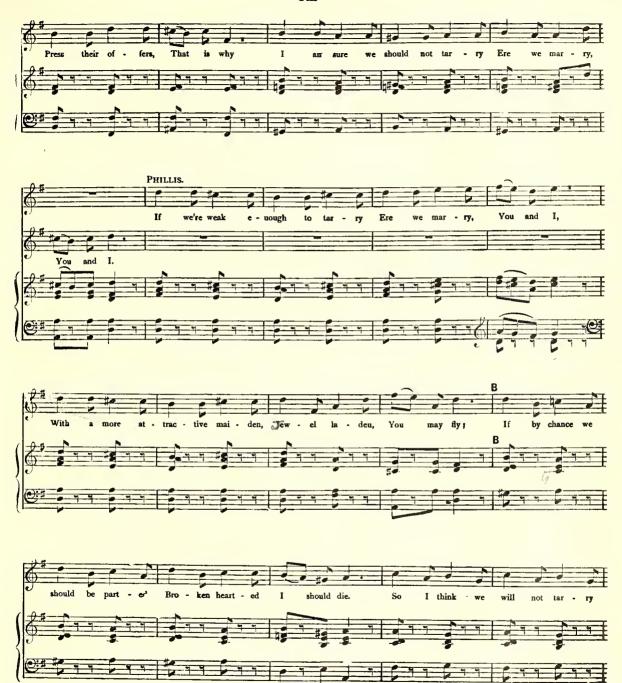
very young lady I shall know it's an elderly relative.

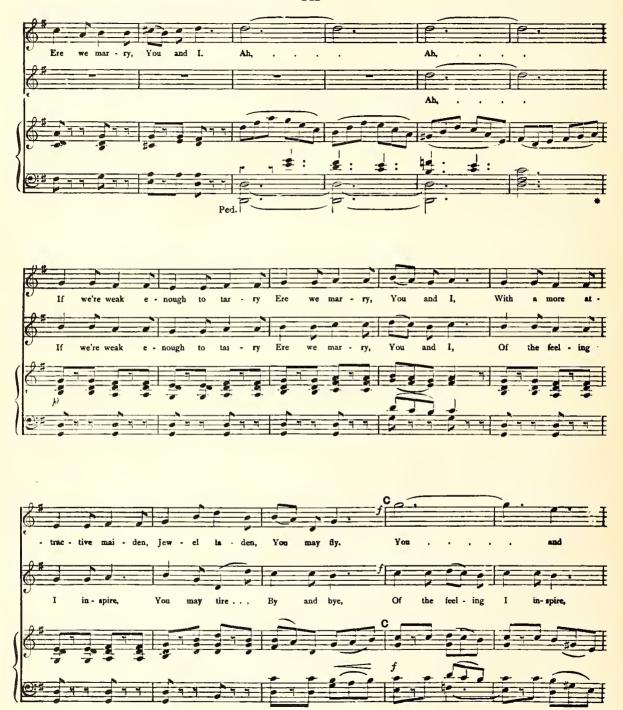
STREPH. You will? Then, Phyllis, I think we shall be very

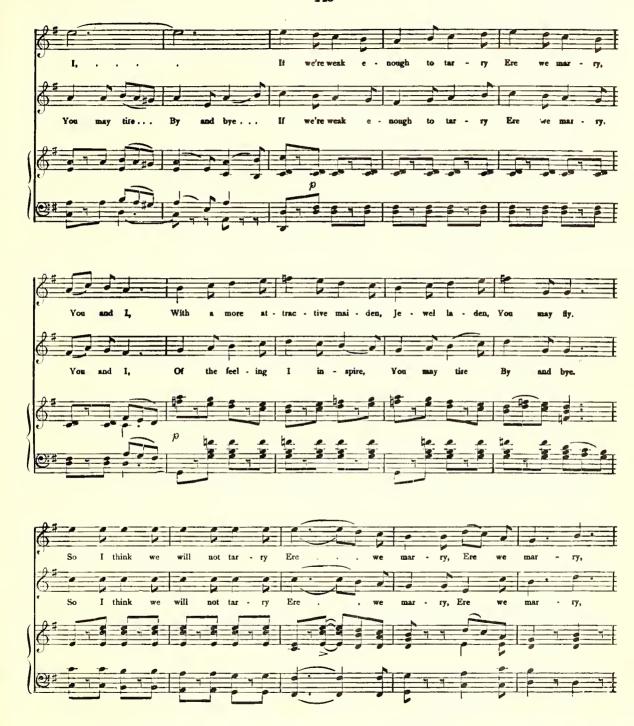
PHYL. We won't wait long hefore we marry; we might

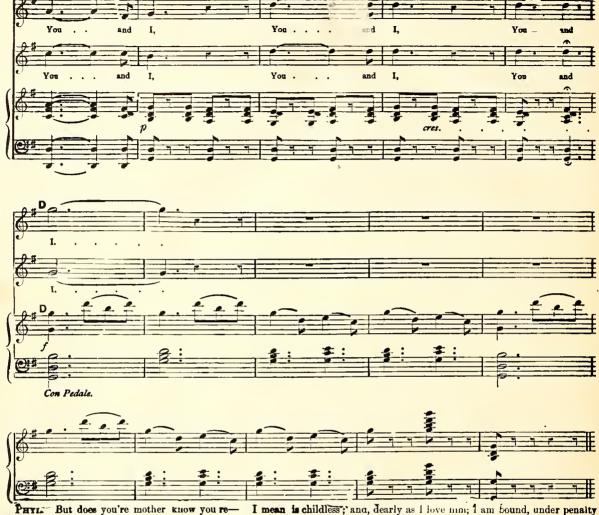
STREPH. Yes-we'll get married first. PHYL. And change our minds afterwards, STREPH. Yes that's the usual course.











she aware of our engagement?

of death, not to undeceive him. But see, he comes! Quick! my veil! (Retires up.)

Enter IOLANTHE

o. She is, and thus she welcomes her daughter-in-law (kieses her).

PHYL. She kisses just like other people! But the Lord Chancellor?

obtaining his consent.

PHYL. Oh, madam, you cannot refuse to do this?

my husband!

STREPH. and PHYL. Your husband?

Io. My husband and your father! (Strephon overcome.) PHYL. Then our course is plain. On his learning that reluctantly, most reluctantly, consented.

Strephon is his son, all objections to our marriage will be at once ramoved.

Lo. Nay, he must never know He believes me to have died But whom have we here?

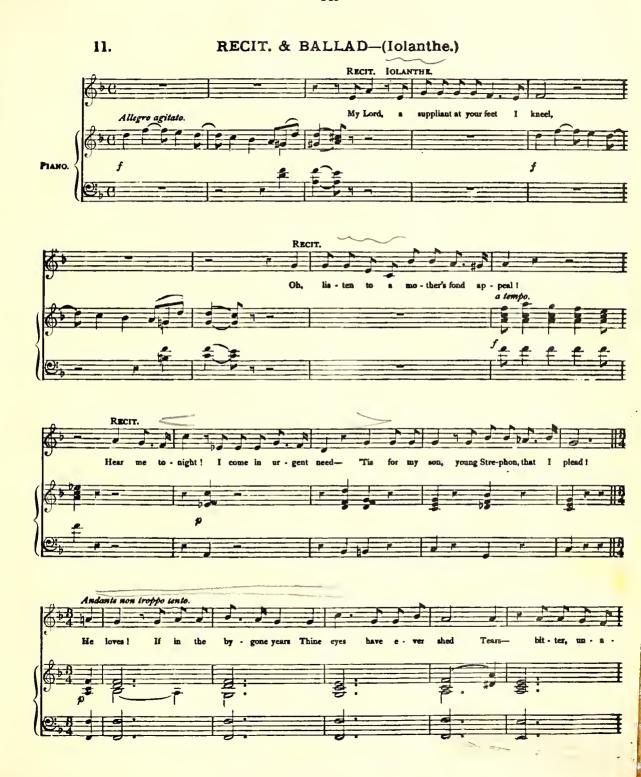
Enter LORD CHANCELLOR. IOLANTHE retires with STREPHON and PHYLLIS.

LD. CHAN. Victory! Success has crowned my efforts, and I may consider myself engaged to Phyllis. At first STREPH. I had forgotten him.-Mother, none can resist your I wouldn't hear of it; it was out of the question. But I took fairy eloquence. You will go to him and plead for us?

fo. (aside). Go to him?—(Aloud.) No, no! impossible!

STREPH. But our happiness, our very lives, depend upon our for some years. This had its effect. I admitted that I had watched my professional advancement with considerable interest, and I handsomely added that I yielded to no one in admiration Io. You know not what you ask! The Lord Chancellor is for my private and professional virtues. This was a great point gained. I then endeavored to work upon my feelings. Conceive my joy when I distinctly perceived a tear glistening in my own eye! Eventually, after a severe struggle with myself, I

(IOLANTHE comes down, STREPHON and PHYLLIB going off.)



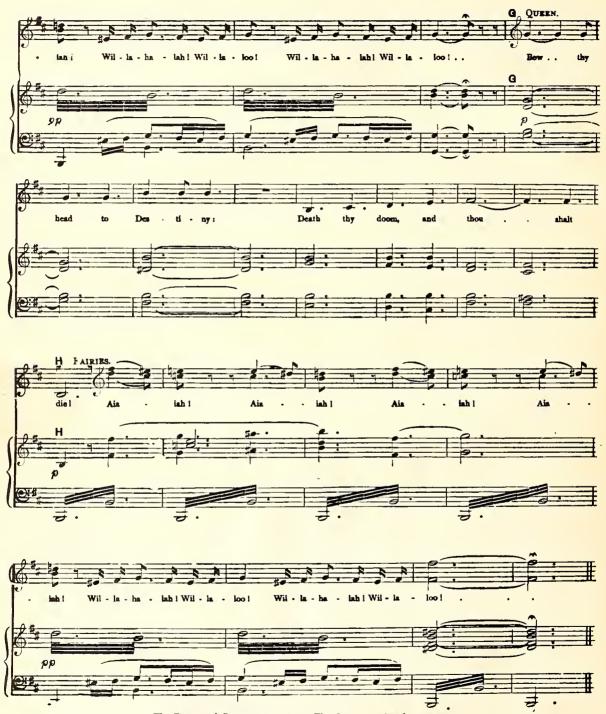


No. 12. RECITATIVE—(Iolanthe, Queen, Lord Chancellor, & Fairies.)









The Peers and Strephon enter. The Queen raises her spear.

LORD CHANCELLOR and Strephon implore her mercy, Lenia and Celia rush forward.

Luna. Hold! If Islanthe must die, so must we all, for as she has sinned,

so have we. Queen. What? (Poors and Poiries basel to her-Load Mount Arabat with LBILA; LORD TOLLOLLER with CELIA.)

CELIA. We are all fairy duchesses, marchionosses, countesses, visconntesses you like to be a fairy Guardsman? and haronesses.

LD. MOUNT. It's our fenit; they couldn't help thomsolves.

QUBEN. It seems they have helped thomselves, and pretty freely too l—
(After a pause.) You have all incorred death, but I can't slaughter the whole
company. And yet (unfolding a scroll) the law is clear: Every fairy must die who marries a mortal!

LD. Cram. Allow me, as an old equity draughtsman, to make a suggestion.

The subtleties of the legal mind are equal to the emergency. The thing is really quite simple; the insertion of a single word will do it. Let it stand that every fairy shall die who don't marry a mortal, and there you are, out of your difficulty et once!

OHERM. We like your hamor. Very well, (Altering the ME. in penell.)-Private Willis!

SENTRY (coming forward). Ma'am?

QUEEN. To savo my life it is necessary that I marry at once. How should

SENTRY. Well, ma'am, I don't think much of the British soldier who wouldn't ill-convenience himself to save a female in distress.

QUEEN. You are a hrave fellow. Yon're a fairy from this moment. (Wings

spring from Sentry's shoulders.)-And you, my lords, how say you? Will you join onr ranks?

(Fairies kneel to Peers, and implore them to do so.)

I.D. MOUNT (to TOLLOLLER). Well, now that the peers are to be recruited entirely from persons of intelligence, I really don't see what use we are down here. Ln. Toll. None, whatever.

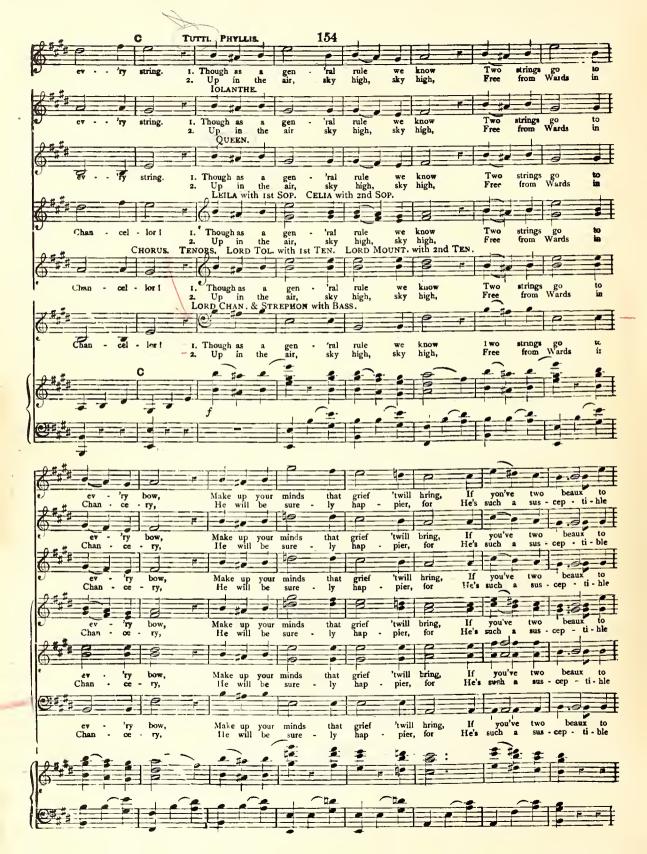
QUEEN. Good! (Wings spring from the shoulders of Peers.)—Then away
we go to Fairyland!

No. 13. FINALE—(Phyllis, Iolanthe, Queen, Leila, Celia, Lord Tolloller, Lord Mountararat, Strephon, Lord Chancellor, & Chorus of Fairies & Peers.

















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